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SPEAKERS

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 Gigi 00:01

Lately then. Lisa, tell us a little bit that your experience



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mine. I've always known that I was gay. I've just, I've always known it. But the first time I came out it was because I was forced to. It was like, I had a friend Oh, when everything and my mom thought that we were doing something I got kicked out. And she called me a Fagin. Like, yeah, so she gave me out at five minutes back and get the hell out. So

 Gigi 00:36

how'd that feel for you?



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I had no problem with my mom kicking me out because she's done it before. Like, okay, she'll, she'll call me Oh, so and so's and Tommy come back a month later. And I'll be back at home while being a hospital. I'll be somewhere else. But it's now been like, four years is like, hello. My mom doesn't want me back home. Fine. I've been able to handle it much better now. I don't, I'm not expecting a phone call. Oh, once you home, I want you hold all my son back. Like, just with? Oh, by the way, I'm gonna drag queen people. It's even harder.

 Gigi 01:23

I was gonna mention that. Yeah,

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Michelle 01:25

I was I was kind of curious. What is it? I don't know, if you suffered any harassment for being a drag queen or any sort of, like, what's it like being a drag queen. I mean, just if you could explain a little bit about what a drag queen does or what it's like, or, well, there's what it means here.

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For me. I enjoy being a female every once awhile, but then I also enjoy being a male. I mean, if I did shows everybody, like some drag queens does. That'd be fine, you know. But some of us have no intention of doing shows. We just want to go out every once awhile and have a good time, drink a little or something or meet some people. And we won't be as a woman or something a few hours. Some of us is 24/7.

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But it's hard for me because I had the place that I have a client, but

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it's just on the streets. It's hard because it's like people are looked down on on you. Like you don't know what you're getting into. You don't know what you want. I'm like, I know what I want. I love doing what I do. And I mean, there's a lot to learn. It's not easy, believe me. You try running four and a half hour break. Even though I was broke my neck.

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Michelle 02:53

So how does it make you feel to do drag? What is it? What do you get? What do you like? What do you get out of a different

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perspective? I mean, I found out that sometimes women are treated worse than then she's alone. And I'm like, Oh my God. And that's whenever I got I'm like, okay, find my keys, time to go home. Gotta get become men again. I can't handle this.

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Please. You can change, you know, change your clothes. And me and again looking for seven?

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Well, I told you what you could do a brace. Anyways, but either way, let's get some support, supply life support.

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Thank you. Anyways,

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I do have another question for you. Was there supports for you along the way?

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My friends, that was mainly that was mainly all because my mom Ty raised me as Baptists. That didn't work.

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I can imagine.

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And so, my preacher, my pastor, whatever the hell you want to call found out cuz my mom opened her big mouth. Although he told me that I was gonna go to hell and all this. I'm like, Okay, I'm gonna go to hell. No big deal. I'll have a party. All the cool people said, You people. I can really

G 04:25

relate to a lot of this because my father was a minister. You know, I came out to my family and I pretty much understand the rejection.

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Yeah, I think I have that to my family. And I'm not as close to my parents as I was. And the rest of my family. They know they know about me. I'm not really out to everybody in my family, but it's funny when I was younger, my parents and my relatives be talking about me and they would always say that, that Oh, Stacy's is really good. really creative. You know, she's really into her books, you know, the euphemism for Stacey can't get a boyfriend doesn't want a boyfriend or anything. You know. And one thing that happened to me was negative experience about, about coming out was, um, my aunt found out that I was bisexual, she read a bunch of my letters. And, and she threw me in a psychiatric hospital for a month. And that's the reason

why she did it. I knew. And that's been kind of hard to, to deal with that, you know, someone in your family couldn't accept you. And because until then, I had pretty positive experiences with people coming out to them. But when that happened, and it was really shocking to me, and I found other people it's happened to other young queer people and other groans where people fall you know, older.

 Gigi 05:51

I'm still growing. Okay, so yeah, get harder as being Robin said that, but anyway,

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on No.

 Gigi 06:07

Was there anything that kind of you had mentioned that she'd had some exposure to hatch and to hippie or hedge me heavy? Okay. I'll tell tell me a little bit about your experience. Because, you know, I know these organizations do a lot for the queer youth. And you know, that they provide a lot of information and outreach and tell me a little bit that he wants to get first lady so Stacy, Stacy.

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Okay, well, lately I've I've been going to hatch I'll be going to 20 something to it's funny when I when I was in high school, I didn't even know how to existed or anything. I thought it was the only one out there. Nobody told me I mean, I didn't know about hatch or anything. And so the first the first group actually went to was, was global at U of H, a long time ago. And then I found out about hatch, but I went a couple times. But I didn't really know that I went to Austin and wasn't about out youth. And then I heard about you know, hatch was still there. So when I moved back, you know, I started going and I've been going like, this time for like about a month or so. And it's really cold made so many friends there that they understand they're going through the same things I'm going through. It's just great. I don't think I could, Oh, no. The friends I made them are just so important to me. Their support are there for each other.

 Gigi 07:42

That makes a lot of difference.

 Jimmy Carper 07:48

And how do you get get? Do you get a hold of people from hatch? Is there a number?

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Gigi 07:53

Yes, there are a number for Hatch.

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Gosh, I don't remember it to something

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Jimmy Carper 08:00

like 770294 to 702

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That sounds right.

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Gigi 08:07

And worked out.

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Oh joy hippie.

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Gigi 08:12

Was it Stanford?

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Houston, the Institute for the protection of view. They usually go for homeless youth between 13 and 20 Now it's changed so many times in the past six months. I have a major migraine running back and forth in my head. But anyway they help me out by now got much I'm working on my GED I haven't got it yet. You want to go to college you will want to go to college and get my license to be a cosmetologist and get this but it's like they have a lot of services I mean it's they've helped me they've helped friends of mine they really let me choose what I wanted to help with they don't tell you oh you need help with this you need help with this is like what do you think you need help it like I need help.

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Michelle 09:23

So what sort of services does and have you provide? Are you



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happy to guide services of once a week they have groceries for the clients to where you can come in and get groceries even eat them. Clothes they have we have our own little hippie mall with a little I mean little it's like two clauses. Yes, let me tell you and they asked They have a GED class. They help you with your pretest. And if you're really serious about they'll help you more, and they'll help you look for jobs. Because they have posted all over happy jobs that are looking for these type of people. You know, it's you can be interested in



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HIV tests to Oh, yeah, they



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also have. Oh, God is



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like the biggest.



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Yeah, it's scary. But



Gigi 10:30

it's scary for all of us. Yeah,



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it's really, it's really cool the way they do it, because there's like, the confidential on instead of giving you given them your name, it's like, you get a number. Yeah. Like maybe 03 16 or something like that. And that's what you gave them wherever you get your results.



Gigi 10:52

Confidential. It's also



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everything. It's like



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everything. Yeah. Yeah. But the people there, they really care about anything. If you can talk to them, if you have a problem about something. They're very supportive. I know I've talked to them about so many different



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they treat you like a purse they do. Because I can sit around there all day long and just joking last round. And they don't judge you for who you are. They won't judge you if you're gay, straight by, if you like having sex with them was they really don't care. Because that's your personal life. Yeah. But they judge you as a person.



Gigi 11:35

Because I know that when I when I came out of high school, I knew there was no hatch, there's no organizations.



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Yeah, but that wasn't 1800s. Anyway, obviously, his birth certificate.



Gigi 12:03

But anyway, things have changed. And there are outreach programs. And there there's help for people that are either throwaways or that have been away identified is identify as whatever.



M Michelle 12:21

Yeah, a lot. A lot of it, I think, is just that not so much the groups didn't exist, but that a lot of people just don't know about them. I mean, because, you know, I'm from originally from Cleveland, Ohio, and I'm going to come out sooner if I knew there was, there was a youth group. But I had I didn't know about it before I came to Houston. I mean, I might have gone if I had just known about it. Do you think there's anything that that these groups could do in terms of outreach in order to get more people to be aware of them?



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And the question is,

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Michelle 12:50

do you think like, anything that like hats or hippie or one of these groups could do to get maybe people you know, in high school like don't know where to turn to don't know where to go? And?

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Well, the way I heard about a hatch and hippie was through my school counselor. Really? Yeah. She was like, she's still my dears fan besides you.

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happening at Bellaire. Oh, gosh, setting up from the counselor. Yeah, I mean, I think they should go, they should have it in schools. You know, it's you can talk to a counselor or a teacher or something. Yeah.

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But it makes it harder because the laws? Yeah, yeah. I mean, they're not gonna get into that there's

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so many teachers that I found out now that I had in school or gay or lesbian or bisexual. If I just know, then I know, quite a few, you know, would have been so much easier for me. I could have talked to them and said, hey, you know, you

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Gigi 13:43

mentioned some laws. Tell me a little bit about that.

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The laws are that some schools I read in a paper, this was a few months back where this, the schools have things but to her like groups and stuff like that, always he can help for gays, lesbians, bisexuals, that people you know, us, then school funding could quit. And that's what I read. I don't remember what newspaper it was. And I don't remember if I remember right, they I passed that. I could be wrong.

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I think they're gonna hold hearings on it. They should I got something in the mail about random my experiences and getting mail and having them in sending it in and having them speaking for a column which may be or something. But there's one thing that I want to say about the schools. When I was in Austin, there was a big thing about the schools having, you know, gay support groups, and they have them in like two or three of the schools. I think that is so cool that maybe we should have them here. I mean, I'd never thought of that before I was I think it'd be really good idea.

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I thought about starting some whenever I was in school, I didn't know how to do it. I mean, how do you go to, to the school director and say, Yeah, I want to start a group for people like us. Those scary people outside

Gigi 15:25

defend that hatch or hippie could help in organizing something like that with students at school and was interested in starting a group?

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I think so I think there's plenty of great people that hatch who could you know, who could help or inspire us to do it ourselves or whatever?

Gigi 15:47

Because I think one thing that's important to understand is that we don't have to do it alone. Sometimes there are organizations that can help this. Yeah.

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Yeah, there's one thing that that I've been kind of getting involved in lately. Last November, I went to creating change the conference in Dallas for the National Gay Lesbian Taskforce. And I went with what without youth and I met a bunch of bisexual people the first I'd ever met in my life really, and it was so emphatic it was so cool, you know, I wasn't and, and I got roped into doing this thing. I met this this cool guy named Brad dent, he's in a bind that with Carolina and he was doing something on it USA about a survey on bisexual youth, in sending it to all these different organizations across the country that that helped, you know, with, with queer youth, and on how they treated bisexual youth and all that. And so I kind of got roped into helping him out with that. It's something I would do lightly too. So hopefully, that will come along.

Gigi 16:48

That's really cool. I mean, do you think there's any issues that are really kind of outstanding, ~~with the queer youth that are separate from the gay community as a whole? Like anything that~~

with the queer youth that are separate from the gay community as a whole? Sir, anything that



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allow me concern about whether they're going to get Yeah, whether they're going to get AIDS or always have a disease? Because a lot of my friends that are used skyward, they really don't care. Because some of them do think they're not supposed to do in which we won't discuss, but they don't do things that will help them be safer. Anything that's just like, I don't care. Somewhat I get it, I get it.



Gigi 17:38

Do you think that's partly due to lack of education about AIDS? Or do you think it's just



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a mixture? Because I mean, AIDS is a very touchy subject to a lot of people near me. I listen to almost everything about it because I want to know more about it. I don't want to be this person like oh my God, what's Ades I've heard of it and those four letters but what the hell is it?



Gigi 18:11

Is hatch are hippy helped out with education and safe sex. Yeah,



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they have. They have a group like every Thursday now every Thursday night to talk about different things. Yes. Safer Sex. They talk about safer sex and stuff like how to David teach you how to use a common this is so cool. First ago, it was weird this



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time they make you they make you do it. It's embarrassing for me. It



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wasn't embarrassing for me. I was just like, Okay, I'm finished. Let me go.



Gigi 18:47

I once went to a safe sex workshop where they taught us how to put a condom on with your lips. Yeah.



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Are they get a hold of you, Gigi?



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Oh, yeah, one time when I was asking me what the bar handing out say for six stuff. And this woman asked me well, how do I use a dental dam and I was so embarrassed. Oh, gosh, my friend was there to save me. I just started to read I was like, Oh my gosh, what I do



Michelle 19:21

well, they're always



Gigi 19:25

clearing time for station break, and we're gonna be moving on. But I want to thank both of y'all for coming tonight and talking. We're kind of getting into some issues that are a little hard to talk about. But some of us are some of us or some of



Michelle 19:46

us. Thank you both for coming in. It's kind of late to come out here.



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Late I don't know what late is. Nine o'clock in the morning when you ain't got no sleep.



Michael Crawford 20:11

Okay, so I'm sitting here and you know, I'm just reading this magazine and Sarah asked Jimmy, do you want anything sitting inside your CD player? And I think what the hell is she talking about?



Sarah G 20:23

Jamie knows.



Michael Crawford 20:27

He does know kind of segway or anything.

 S Sarah G 20:29

No, you don't deserve it. He made me sleep on a couch. And then I was kicked out the last day in Austin. So it's like, either talk now or leave.

 M Michael Crawford 20:42

See if I invite you to lobby with me again.

 S Sarah G 20:45

Please. Do you want to get there? You'll call me. They don't know who he is by now. They don't need to

 M Michael Crawford 20:54

know. Yeah, this is Michael Crawford. And of course I'm back with with my with the final episode and my promotion for my workshop boy boy. But actually, what Sarah and I were talking about earlier was the trip to Austin, the Martin the capitol for hate crimes. And the accompany Lobby Day, which was sponsored by lesbian gay rights lobby of Texas, of which I am a board member. Anyway. Senator, you are in your old age. Okay. But actually, I'm just here to promote boy boy, because you know, by now, most of you are already sick of hearing about it, but it still hasn't happened yet. In fact, it's on Tuesday, which is Wednesday. Tuesday, thank you. It's on Tuesday at seven o'clock at bearing church and bearing is located at 1440 Harold, and the number, the information number is 3156786. And pretty much I mean, it's real simple. It's all about dating and sex and intimacy and so on for queer guys. 18 to 29.

 J Jimmy Carper 22:00

Yeah, I'm gonna do what what Scott did to you in the interview? What is intimacy?

 M Michael Crawford 22:07

God, I forgot my answer.

 J Jimmy Carper 22:09

You said, first of all, you said, Oh, that's a great question.

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Michael Crawford 22:13

Well, that was a stalling tactic. Well, what it's really about is, the idea behind it, at least for me is to help empower queer guys to communicate with their partners about what they want and what they need, both sexually and emotionally. What do you look at it like that for? I'm just looking at Jimmy, okay. Because I'm also conscious, you know, okay, but anyway, what it's really about, it's just to get guys talking to each other about the kind of relationships we have and the way we treat each other, and how we need to treat each other with more compassion, both in our sexual relationships, and our romantic relationships. And, I mean, it's, if you want more information, you can pick up the newest issue of the Houston voice, I forgotten the name. And on page two is a half page article about the workshop and some of my reasons behind organizing it. It should be, you know, a lot of fun. I'm hoping there'll be a lot of guys there. So if you're looking for a boyfriend, you know, come hang out. You may find one. If not, we'll hook you up with somebody else in the future workshop. But I don't know. It should be a lot of fun hormone. Bye, guys everywhere, you know, okay. groobie

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Sarah G 23:30

Oh, also, Michael was in a straight magazine. It was picked up at a what, at a music shop or something like that. And they were talking about the death of what is his name? Eazy E. And Michael, you know, had a little plug in there.

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Michael Crawford 23:45

Of course, you know, it's all a part of my my plan to dominate the media. Yep. We're so proud of our little boy facts. Oh, and I also saw the some of us and I want to recommend it to everybody.

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Sarah G 23:56

It's not going to tell you what happened in it. Even though I cried.

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Michael Crawford 23:59

profusely. There's also the queer movie bar girls, a romantic comedy without men at thinks that the Greenway or the River Oaks or something. There's also the movie priest, queer priests, which is kind of cool, I guess. And of course Angels in America is playing at the alley. And

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Jimmy Carper 24:22

movie you can rent it's at Blockbuster is called Forbidden Love. It's about lesbians in the 50s and I have a little piece I want to play just right now. Right now.

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I stopped writing in the early 1960s At a time when life Children were just an age to start asking what I was doing at the typewriter for so many hours a day, and beginning to be able to read and interested in what I was doing. And it made me uneasy. I wish I had been braver because I think I was beginning to be a lot better writer, it was easier to live in my head than to go out and live a real life. And I sometimes wonder if I harmed myself somehow I've gotten so good at it that now it's tempting to stay in. I think that's probably not what one should do and needs to get out. But it's on the other hand, it was a strategy that probably saved my sanity, I was doing what I everyone told me to do. My family, my life, my culture, my society all said be a good wife, mother. And I gave it a long run and a good try and finally didn't work. And so I'm living a much better life. I'm much truer to myself now. But you can't go back and rewrite it.

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I was brought up in there Haida nation, in our cultures and our values and our beliefs are much different. I wasn't brought up with Christianity. My first language is not English, in the values of ownership of materialistic things was not part of my value. But I realized what I did when I came to the city is that this society faces the value of a person, what job they do, and what they owe.

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For a person of white heritage, you walk down the street, you are not targeted as lesbian or gay. But as a native person, you're targeted as a native person. And when you realize that your choice of your partners of the same sex, and then you realize that there must be even something more wrong with you, because society doesn't accept you already, as it is. But now you've got this thing added on. Does that mean you lose your people in the process? Now? Where do you belong? It took a lot of courage to be what we were like, these were all courageous women. Were all out there, flaunting the law and, and just being brave enough to do what we were doing, with no support with no help from anybody. And it appealed to me, especially as a 21 year old like I was really into being a rebel. So it was great. And that I think that attracted a lot of young people to the lifestyle, then it wasn't, it was the forbidden pheus it was it was doing something that was slightly illicit. Now, when I look back on I realized that the people back home were very strong people. And the women that weren't banned for even though they scared me, were also very strong, because they actually got out there and said, This is who we are, whether you like it or not. Yeah, when I came into the gay scene. What I appreciated about it was that the women that had decided what they wanted to be and their sexuality, were very strong women, and they had to be to make a decision then because it was very hard to be gay, then. I mean, it just wasn't accepted with your families or friends. And

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women I found stuck together more. I think that that's not being able to move freely through society as a human being and a person with dignity and isn't exciting. I think maybe robbing a bank is exciting, but not being an outcast, because you have preferences that the majority don't have. That's not exciting. Not it never was me. It's the I don't want to offend anybody. I just want to be a person. I just want to walk through life freely and not harm anybody. I didn't

want to be harmed I just want to have nice social contacts. I just want to have fun I don't want to have to think oh there's something wrong with me I'm not as good as this person is to sit at the end of the table or I have to go to the back of the bus. That sucks skirt

J Jimmy Carper 29:40

oh that was that was Sophie B Hawkins 50 B hockey now. Terms herself um the sexual Oh wow. So she's going beyond gay bi trans I don't know whatever it's just polyamorous Yeah. Hello Yeah and then in fact it's more like polyamorous there's an article in the New OUT magazine she's on the cover. As a matter of fact, there's some great other other articles in there too. But before we left, I wanted to mention a couple of things on the old, old gay and lesbian switchboard calendar that they provide us every week gay and lesbian switchboard. You can reach at five to 930 to 11. And of course, we know that what's going on right now?

M Michelle 30:28

Yeah. Tomorrow's the second day of the Westheimer street festival. On the on the letter Westheimer.

J Jimmy Carper 30:36

And don't forget 12 Steps to a more dysfunctional family playing at curtains theater 6pm on Sunday. And

M Michelle 30:47

Tuesday, we have the boy boy workshop at the very Methodist Church at 7pm.

G Gigi 30:53

Then Wednesday, besides BiNets meeting Oh yeah.

J Jimmy Carper 30:59

When did seven to nine at MCC er 1919 Decatur

M Michelle 31:03

right our topic is cross dressing and bisexuality. Next week.

G Gigi 31:09

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We also have a FH healing and happiness through wellness program metropolitan multi Service Center at 7pm Yeah, that's

 Jimmy Carper 31:22

H Foundation. And let's see oh GLA to glue having their baalei Primavera and ecstasy on Friday April the 14th 9pm Is that okay? We are listening. We're Yeah, we're doing some new things on after hours. We've got different people doing different different things and some of us are in different rooms and all of that so we have to learn new new languages. Simon listening to after hours a continuing tradition queer radio with attitude right here on KPFT. Houston and

 Gigi 32:13

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 Michelle 32:15

els College Station. Bryan College Station Ryan Yeah. 88.1 D 9.9. Point one. Sorry. I'm trying to read it through like the window backwards.

 Jimmy Carper 32:28

And coming up in just a few seconds will be the carbon dating gay with Eric.

 Gigi 32:34

All right. Well, this is Gigi

 Michelle 32:37

and this is Michelle and Jimmy, signing off from after hours.

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Hello, I'm Ray Miller and you're listening to KPFT in Houston. Hi there. I want to talk to you about ducks. Do your ducks seem old fashioned out of date. Central Services new Duck Designs are now available in hundreds of different colors to suit your individual tastes. Hurry now, while stocks last your nearest central service has shown designer colors to suit your demanding taste