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SPEAKERS

Michelle Meyers, Jason

 Michelle Meyers 00:01

I mentioned some partners real quick. Yeah, tomorrow at the briar patch at 8pm the garden party with the help of the court is doing a fundraiser. Next weekend is lovely weekend yesterday. So it's gonna be a real big weekend was

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a lovely weekend,

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entertain you, we've got clubs coming in from all over the country probably be 789 100 people. Wow. And it's kind of a weekend bar run. But for people coming out of town, it's it's spring because different clubs and groups and Houston hold cocktail parties and give out free booze. Free food

 Michelle Meyers 00:47

and it's a great weekend, you can just travel to bar.

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It's a great fun, great fun.

 Michelle Meyers 00:54

I'll some upcoming things on March 6 at 9pm Aegis probably is giving is having a show which

Oh, some upcoming things on March 6 at 6pm. Regis probably is giving is having a show which will be a fundraiser for the PR ball. And the PR ball is going to be on Saturday. The seventh of March at 7pm. So



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where where did they you're aware. Where's the people? I



Michelle Meyers 01:19

didn't know. Our now we'll do it next weekend. Okay. We'll do it next weekend. The exact location but I would sabotage you like that wouldn't.



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That's a great group, the Royal Sovereign and imperial court of the star and we



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do want to mention that. Yes. Big friend of the royal court of the Imperial Star. Golden, whatever. Cord, the cord, the cord. That big friend of the of them is one of our clubs. venture in has gone through a name change it's now called Night box. I believe it is Yep. It's the same location. Same craziness. Just different label on the Oh,



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they've completely remodeled the ballroom. Yeah. Oh, yes. Great. totally remodeled the bar. It looks like a whole new different, right. It's in the 2300 block of Main Street.



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Right next to the Houston cafe.



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There you go.



Michelle Meyers 02:23

Okay, well, I think we're out of here. Rory, why don't you give our email address.



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Close it out with our email address here after ours is kpft@hotmail.com That's aka ours kpft@hotmail.com



Michelle Meyers 02:43

and hotmail is spelled H O T M A power. Right? It's like email, Hotmail I see. Right? Okay, not not, not hot.



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ma le. No, no, no, it's ma il.



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You've been listening to the news right here on after hours queer radio with attitude. KPFT Houston and ke O 's College Station and let me put a few things in your ear and then we'll be bringing patch.



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Oh, instead. Laissez les Bon tone relay. Yes, it's Mardi Gras time again. And if you can't be in New Orleans Tuesday morning, February 24. Join the Indian Princess Mary. That's me and Vic Cheves galley for a special Mardi Gras edition as Mary in the morning. We'll be playing all your Mardi Gras favorites like Ico ICO. Hey Paki way. And of course, big cheap. Remember? February 24. Six to 8pm Mardi Gras morning on KPFT 90.1 FM and don't forget to call in sick less la Bonton relay



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kids dragging the darndest things but these days that can be a problem Wait He's default today kids are bringing home Iraqis chemical weapons storage these are Rockies are driving me crazy what can I do while chemical has the answer? Iraqi go is it hard to use yes point in spray it's and I can go no more Iraqi and my florist so she knows my Iraqi Iraqi go by the makers of atheist motel



Jason 04:36

I'm not quite sure if I should take offense to the fact that that was played right before I go on. This is Jason I'm sorry. This is in our bikes This is in with hat And real quickly before I turn all the other hatchlings on, I would like to point out that hatches a gay youth support group actually gay by train transgendered and allied youth support group it does be in, although I, I consider lesbian covered by the gay umbrella I consider gay as gay men and women. It's a support

group. If you want to get a hold and perhaps become a member of hatch, call 713-942-7002. That is a voicemail line, leave a message and a youth will get back with you for the screening process. I believe I've covered as far as what hatches



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I think we have.



Jason 05:41

And I know that everybody who's been listening to the hat show knows that a couple weeks ago, I said that we were gonna have a show on gay marriage. Well, we had a last minute format change. Tonight we are talking about the oh, well, the producer really? Talked to voice and sky. It's



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really I think it's more you're on, you're on. Okay. It's more on just sort of the need for K high schools in general. But what's what's there was particularly that was inspired by There's a story in the Texas triangle current edition on the Walt Whitman. It's a private institution for gay and lesbian students. In Dallas, Texas. The cover says meet the kids of Walt Whitman, which at first I thought kind of, but it says the first Texas high school for gay and lesbian students. First you kind of have to wonder the children of Walt Whitman, you can imagine, you know, why he wrote a lot of those poems to begin with?



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Oh, no. But um, yes, it was pointed out to me that that would be a very good topic. And I tend to agree with that. Because I think that we have that need in Houston, I think we need a gay High School, although we do have hspva, you still have to, you have to be talented enough to get into hell. And that's not set up for a gay high school that I know. But I'm just referring to the fact that it does have a fairly friendly atmosphere. It's just because



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we have a lot of queers in the art community by default.



Jason 07:17

But it does have a friendlier atmosphere. And I do think that there is a need to have a gay friendly high school or a gay completely gay oriented High School in the Houston area. Because, as pointed out in here in the article, a lot of students are harassed in high school. And

they end up with the option of either a putting up with their own more or less emotional hell, or be dropping out. And that's really a sad, sad state of affairs as is. And by the way, all y'all in the booth y'all are on so we can hear every little whisper y'all are saying.



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Twilight Zone, turn up your headphones on the little thing.



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Can you hear us?



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Yes, yes. There we go. Looks like it just turned up Jaycees.



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You can? Okay. Let's go ahead and have an introduction of everybody who's in the booth over there.



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Okay, I'm JC just like Tracy with A J.



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And I am Tracy,



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and they even look a lot of like, oh, we do not like to talk to like,



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kissing cousins.



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You are in Texas, though.



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Let's continue with the introductions.



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And I am Patrick. Komiks.



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So that is our little hats panel for the evening. Who and we don't have any other staff in here? No, he does is our first time having the booth all to



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watch out FCC party time.



Jason 08:59

By the way, you're listening to 90.1 KPFT and 89.1 89.1 to EOS College Station. Yes. Coming from the Aggie who messed it up. Howdy. I want to encourage any youth out there listening to call him with your comments. We won't do any on air comments tonight. But we will get to your comments in the booth. The number is 713 Jam KPFT that is 71352657 He's reading it Oh 7778



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That 573-818-3838



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you might want to just go with jam KPFT



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on top. I hope I didn't offend anybody.



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So give us a call and let us know what you think about it.



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Okay, well, why don't we take a moment to catch our breath a couple All days ago I went and I picked up a fabulous little CD went out into the middle. Yeah when you messed up the phone but that'd be the Titanic soundtrack. No, it would be the brand new any different go CD plastic little castle. little plastic Castle oops, and need a Franco fabulous little. As far as we can tell bisexual her sexual orientation is undisclosed because she generally tends to flip off the people who asked her that question says Well, I can deal with it. Cute little by chick with a guitar and a DeFranco. It was just released on the 17th and she has expanded the amount of music, the amount and variety of musical instruments she uses, but she's still just as funky as ever. So, let me see.



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Well, Scott's trying to figure out the CD player real quick. I made a promise that I'd say hi, Raquel. Hi, Rihanna. If y'all are still awake.



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Nadine, okay, this is not gonna be



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shout out time. Okay, now we're done with the shout outs. In the box. I'm allowed to make shout outs because I'm sitting by within arm's reach. But yeah, I'm about to turn off my mic, but he's



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having a sighs trip again. clicked down. Okay. Well, I haven't had an opportunity to listen to everything just yet. So we'll just pick a random song. Called pixie off of Annie DeFranco little plastic castle.



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We have we're having a little malfunction going on the thrills of live radio. We see the incident here. Yeah. That's number eight.



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Dallas road trip.



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And here comes Jason. I think I'll point what does this say? Love you. Oh, you better watch it. Jimmy. Hi, Nadine. That was so sweet. Gosh,



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you are the mom dude.



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That's the bomb.



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Okay, well, gay high schools. Where do we owe you guys actually have a copy of the work for you?



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That's why I'm in college.



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Writing for pseudo speaking Exactly. Just chicken.



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So what do y'all think about this? And by the way, and the article, it says, the first private school of its type. There's also a public school in New York, the Harvey Milk school. That is a high school for



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gay and lesbian, gay, lesbian youth.



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Now, it's not private, you don't have to pay to go there. Okay. And I think Houston needs a public school because, you know, of course, I'm sure they offer tuition is there but money is quite an issue for a lot of people.



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Because I am Baroque.



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Well, the difficulty with the school is I was reading through there. The two women who started the school were wishing that they had held back and taken the fall semester to get grants and funding because even though they're still in the black financially, they don't have as many semester. Yeah, they don't have as much funding as they should have to run the school,



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but they've only collect suddenly my car 10 times. Well, you gotta



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you gotta you've got everybody



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as senior. Patrick, you have to?



Jason 13:47

Patrick, you have to you have to fund the school somehow. I don't know, if you don't have the support of the state and you don't have the support of a local community. Then there's, it's got to be funded by grants or local.



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And we have we have private religiously affiliated schools here in Houston that cost well, more than 7000.



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Episcopal that's why I'm bad. We don't have this.



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But it does actually mentioned in here they only collected about around half of the tuition they

but it does actually mentioned in here they only collected about around half of the tuition they expected to collect for the semester. So



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I don't know that they're still not still not under the financial,



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financial aid or anything like it kind of like financial aid. Because that every



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year I didn't expect



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quite well. You don't need to worry about it anymore, Patrick, because you're a high school grad. All right.



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Like he got his education, public school, obviously,



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my paper saying I'm educated



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about what it says they expected some to acquire the tuition from outside sources of financial assistance. So yes, I assume it



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is. Yeah, I assume there. Well, I'm sure there are organizations, different philanthropists who want it and



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it isn't money also. It is located in Dallas with the gay mafia. Yeah,



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that's about like gay mafia 50 to 60 students with like nine or 10 teachers,



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a gay mafia, what do they do? Fix your hair? What's the



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oh, let's hold back on the stereotype



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about a year ago, I don't know if you guys are familiar with D magazine, it's a magazine by and for Dallas. And about a year ago, they ran a story on what they called the pink mafia. And as it turns out, a lot of the real high rollers in the financial and industrial community in Dallas are gay. I believe the figure



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actually, I think I heard the figure once was actually close to 90% or something like that. It was extremely high. I don't don't quote me and don't go read up the article. And like, you know, come back and say you're wrong, and you screwed up. But it is a majority it is a majority. That's because we rock and when you think about it, we're only 10% of that. We're only roughly 10% of the community and



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set a really high estimate to well, there's actually no we don't like to think so though. Whatever. We like to think it's a low estimate. 10% is not enough recruit. Recruit recruit. Hey, I got



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my toaster. I got my color TV people



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that are out anyways.



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Y'all gonna toss free gift monster in the mail?



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Well, that's because you haven't worked hard on our dear. Okay, moving right on. Topic topic.



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That is our our topic of the evening is, like I mentioned earlier the idea of a high school for gay and lesbian students. That's not only gay friendly, but it's gay. It's it's gay. It's it's gay and lesbian people. It's not no straight people allowed



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to their school King Day. Wow.



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One student is gay. Jason straight you mean?



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One student. But that's, that's because he wanted a diverse and open learning environment. That's



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because he loves the attention. Hello.



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There is a lesbian and he experienced his mother's. Well, I'm sorry, he



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doesn't Well, speaking of trouble that we have in high school, have you guys run into any different? Did you guys run into any difficulty when you were in high school? By



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the way, I don't want to turn this into another coming out show. Just for reference when telling your stories?



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We won't. We'll try see what kind of nifty people that you run into. You hear me in this one? Yes. And



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we hear you beating on it to



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hear anything. Leave our sweet lesbian. Well, I went to Spring High School, the wonderful secluded district that it is. It was a pretty rough experience,



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spring independent nation School District. Aryan Nation,



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spring is pretty sophisticated. And I didn't really have any what have a good time coming out. I remember my senior year, I was coming out. And I wanted to put my senior will in the newspaper, which every senior got to do. But since mine had the word gay in it, they did not let it go in. Yeah, that was pretty nice.



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And upon that, please. What I found upon that,



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and we asked for them to have like a gay support group, like they had, you know, for children of abuse, just all kinds of stuff, you know, and my principal flat out refused. I remember one time, like, you know that one of the guys was facilitators at hatch. He's like in charge of counseling services all around the state of Texas. And they had made an appointment with the spring in the Senate school district to talk about gay youth. And help counselors understand more about the problems and the issues they face. And I love how no one's listening. Tracy, and our superintendent, like the day before the meeting, he cancelled it when he found out

what it was about, because he apparently did not have any clue what it was about. And once he found out he cancelled it. So I mean, it's just it was really bad. I remember I had a lot of trouble going through. I wanted to get into a class. And my principal told my teacher not to accept me because I was gay.



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So pretty bad discrimination there.



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But she accepted me anyways, because she said, Well, I think she has a lot to offer. And you can't fire me for this. So so she accepted me, my teacher with the teacher goes time fortunately, my principals don't really care about my principals did not really care. Anything about the gay youth going there the issues that they faced, so it was really hard. It was really hard. Has anything changed now? Things things have not changed yet?



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Well, plus, he's not even in high school anymore. That kind of makes it all a little black to talk that's likely to happen. Okay, yeah. Well, I really can't even speak on that because I didn't even have a bad experience in high school. I probably have. One of the best experiences ever. I wasn't discriminated against. I was just kind of lucky. I don't know what high school did you go to? Am I allowed to say that when high school doesn't matter? Oh, yeah. was enough. It was like, you know, I went to Stratford high school instead. and ranch and it was really I mean, it was just great. I don't even know if many of my teachers knew or not. I know a lot of the students did. But I mean, I actually got more harassed when I wasn't out about it. I guess more people wants to just want to be like, tell them you know what?



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Hello Stretford is like, you know, if it's not academic, it's theater. Exactly. Like



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their whole theater program runs their school. So, but a really good at, yeah, I love theater leader was the bomb. It was great. It was great and had a really good theater department. But um, it was I had a really good sprint. I mean, as a matter of fact, you know, like, I could tell everybody when I came out, I mean, popularity, like went through the roof. I mean, like, I had more friends I have to do with I mean, it was amazing. And I mean, it was it was really ironic. I mean, you would think when you came out, you would lose friends. And I did. So it was it was weird. So I had a good experience.



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And there's me. I went to Deer Park High School. So if anybody knows me out there, I'm sorry, but I'm a lesbian. If you're listening and you

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real quickly, if you're listening, you're listening to KPFT after hours, 90.1 and k U k els 89.1. College Station.

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Let's try KPFT Houston and ke O 's College Station. No. Everybody's I think I'd be interesting for the folks out there. Legal ID for a radio station is the call letters and the city after it. KPFT Houston, not even KPFT in Houston is not really legal. As far as as far as the FCC is

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concerned. It's about three four times and

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so we have to go through our legalities. Yeah, that's why I got you

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okay, that's fine. I understand. Okay, go ahead. Anyway, deer park you know, way over there on the east side.

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Next to the loop girl actually, postie.

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There wasn't like actually like even coming out thing. I was like more. I have to be straight like everybody else kind of thing and not to like I moved to Sugarland area. I didn't shout out took place, but I didn't get anything there. I mean, people mostly like talk behind my back, you know, like, she's a gay but you know, since I like looked like everybody else and acted like everybody else had a boyfriend, like all through high school, which is, you know, Dave, my best friend, you know, now he's still my best friend. You know, nobody even knew about it, which was kind of weird. Because now I get like, looks when I go back to high school, like she is gay. And I'm like, Okay, we got it. I don't care. You know, it's not a big deal to me. So I never really had any trouble with it, like so far, but that's all good. Now.



Jason 22:39

I was kind of in your situation in high school. Nobody really knew about it. And so I didn't really go through any gay bashing or hear any rude comments or anything because you can ask Scott before I went away to college station, I was really Butch.



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Lilly, you.



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She could spit a lot of dip 50 yards before she went to a&m. That's why I didn't



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went away to closet station became a big queen. But I know it



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was met his gay mother who did a world of good for him. I know



Jason 23:15

that it was actually it was fairly emotionally taxing to hide in the closet the entire time I was in high school and know that all the time that people were getting to know me. They weren't getting to know me. They were getting to know the facade that I put on.



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Getting to know Jason not Jason.



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Can I jump in here? Yeah. I've been listening to hedge for a long time. Are there any tops in hatch? Who



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knows? Maybe see big guy there's a line. I think you just done about 50 feet high.



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A lot of us are perfectly happy being versatile.



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Patrick for those of for those big egos who need clarification that was an inquiry and not a Come on.



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Okay. Patrick, Patrick, I'm sorry. But save those comments for off the air. Yeah.



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Same with that one that Jimmy just did. We love you Jimmy.



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I actually I let Jimmy have the mic on the assumption that it was gonna have to do with the show I should have known he came back from Hawaii same sense. Go



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ahead. Jason on here the rest he's been quieter since he got back from Hawaii.



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Actually that's that's about it. I just know how emotionally taxing



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they got lay was get it late.



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I was late, you know late. Anyway.

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He's talking about I just lightly Okay.

J

jason 24:44

Kids, I just know how emotionally taxing it was. I mean, to the point of going through severe mental depression and being suicidal, and, you know, hatch was a lifeline for me and that That's why I made it through high school. And then I went to college station and I came out. Yeah. And I'm still coming out today. I've got little pride stickers on my truck, and I'm a delivery driver there. So

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I thought we were gonna move away from coming out.

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Yeah. Back to Walt Whitman.

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Yeah. Back to the gay High School. My high school was the informal gay High School of Houston, also known as HGTV, gay or High School for the Performing and Visual Arts. They call it hspva. The building downtown but everybody else like they just PV gay. Believe it or not, we did have a few people who were very belligerent in their beliefs that homosexuality was wrong, and we were all going to burn in hell go back to public school, I prefer to think of burning in hell is a really big, huge, fabulous party with lots of barbecue. But you know what

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jason 25:56

I've got to say, if heaven is full of the people that are so belligerent against us, I don't want to be there. I don't think that's what it is. But I don't want to be there. That's what it is. Just show

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me which was the biggest party, you know, right. Back on top. She used to this girl used to come up to me, I'll refrain from using her name. But she used to come up to me and say, you know, you're going to hell, this and that, and the other because you're gay. And she would read me quotes from the Bible, which you would often misquote and I'd correct her

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that's you grab it and slap in the face and walk on your way. Well,



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at one point, you know, I got tired of listening to her just sort of putting up with it and going Yeah, yeah, eventually should go and I looked up at her. I said, Well, given the class of people that Jesus tried to minister to the last time he was on earth, the horse those who were unclean, administrating the disease people, the tax collectors, and we all know how much we hit the IRS. Do you honestly think that Jesus would hang out with a little pristine Philistine bitch like yourself? She, she never talked to me for the rest of the year. She was She went home. God, she wouldn't come to me and I had to go to therapy. lost a friend,



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the nails come out.



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Wow, the nails I book in my book, seeing an hspva sticker on the car on a car is like half a step below seeing an actual pride sticker on the back of the car. And



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you know, she's in a padded room somewhere with a strange thing on one of these eight. I mean,



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one thing that I'd really like to go back and ask her is how many Bibles a week she went through after beating them to a pulp. I swear to God, you take your old Bibles to her and she'd recycle them for you.



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Wow. That's why those Gideons have to keep replacing them in the hotel. Yay. All right, okay.



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Let's not get on. They make sure that the Bible is still the most frequently stolen in the world. And it is



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I would never steal that



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barbed wire. That is so ironic, though. That is



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if you come into sin before you read the Bible, does it really matter?



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Hey, anyways, we're talking about Walt Whitman, right?



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No, we're not we're talking about so what do you



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think that there's a Do you think that we need a school like that in Houston? I mean, is there really, I mean, with groups like hatch, and with that it was just sort of hats. I know that h ISD is becoming more and more gay friendly every day. And some some other school districts are becoming more and more gay friendly. Is it really necessary with all the with all the gay friendlies?



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Well, I see what you're saying,



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but I think in what way are they becoming gay friend said I



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was gonna with glistens, doing a lot of work with HRC, namely, on starting up some gay friendly programs, I know that Hatch has done some, quite a few speakers panels having to do with HSD.



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While we did us, we actually did a speaker's panel in front of the National Association of Social Workers. And many people there, do a lot of work with school counselors, which was actually a fascinating 120. Something was also at that engagement. So



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and for your reference out there for those listeners out there. Some schools actually distribute the hatch newsletter. Oh,



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yeah. Whether it's PBS for 35.



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Well see if you go to hspva and you're listening, while you can go get a hatch newsletter, and it's probably safe to come out.



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I haven't given them there yet. Hold on. Wait, but um,



Jason 29:35

but they do an article in some places. They're located in the counselor's office and some places are located in libraries. If your school doesn't have them, well, you're working on it. But I think that's just an example of how schools are becoming gay friendly. Although I do tend to agree that it is a little bit healthier environment to have a gay dominated School for the for the developing gay youth.



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Well, why don't we go ahead and take another quick breather. I've got some real quick



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before we take our quick breather. You're listening to KPFT Houston and ke O 's College Station.



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Fabulous after hours, which with the hatch segment, I see a lot of pointing in the other room.



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And we're waiting for your phone calls by the way. The number is 713526 KPFT.



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Okay, well Tracy will queue up your thing. While we're doing this, I don't have that in the tape deck just yet. Anyways, along the lines of all the promises made to help try and make things better for school. For high school children who are gay and lesbian, the promises that are made with cross fingers behind the backs, I have got a song by The Indigo Girls there. Actually, that's a I've got a song by The Indigo Girls off of their two disc set called 1200 curfews, it's almost all live that's about what I have with my performances. And it is called joking.



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And while you're listening to that, get out your pins because when we get back we'll tell you the hatch number and then you can call it and we'll call you



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back the secret word for



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a secret word for number whatever



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Scott's queuing up the song and the song is not queuing



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the song is going berserk. Oh my mama my mom



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CD one that is not



Jason 32:09

he queued up the wrong song. Okay, by the way for reference. This is Scott's first time at the control board. So he's kind of learning as he goes he's already over okay.



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All right, here we go.



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Now hopefully we are queued up and we're going to try this again. All right.



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Atmosphere nobody showed up. Nobody loves us. You want me to see it? You want it to be a little more risky? Yes. I hear you saying no. Nobody. Alright. Please welcome Gerard McHugh.



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Hold on real quick. Radio idiots at the controls here. Just as we get everything set up.



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Yes. Well, you see people have to learn how to do these things. And the best way it's it's learn on the job, baby. Okay, you got it. We have it all set up. Let's hear it.