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It says our generations are influenced by ramifications of the Reagan Bush era, the civil rights and women's health movements. New technologies that broaden access to information enabled us to come out earlier and find support online, lessening isolation for many, and the integral role AIDS is played in gay male identity formation, equating sexuality with disease, we now experience greater fluidity in gender and sexual identity. Defined by some as the MTV generation, we access media and information technology more often and with greater sophistication. We acknowledge that current media representations are both helpful and harmful. The creation of powerful images of gay culture designed for mainstream consumption, unduly influenced identity formation of gay youth, highly charged public debates and sexuality mark our lives as gay people, gay male cultural markers are now integrated into mainstream society as symbols to buy. At the generation that came of age. In the wake of AIDS, significant numbers of young men have developed conflicting relationships with HIV and AIDS that include but are not limited to resignation, about eventual HIV infection. The perception that becoming positive is a rite of passage into the gay community and complete disassociation with the idea of becoming HIV positive.



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Yeah, yeah. So you've got, you've got your work cut out for you?



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Yes, we do. And I think I think one thing that that's really important to think about and to recognize is that it's not a hopeless situation. And that I think, a lot of times the belt, the best health advocates for men 35 And under armed men, 35. No, absolutely. Which is what we're all about. You



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bet. Daniel, how long have you been involved in the group?



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I guess I'm involved, Michael was was gracious enough to invite me into this. And I said, I'd just love to do this. And I'm into it. And I guess now for about two or three months, I've been involved in been doing some of this stuff. And we've been talking a lot about this upcoming forum. I have a lot of clients out there who talk to me about this very issue. Clients. Yeah, I have a lot of clients.



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Daniel is not a sex worker, y'all.



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I'm actually a professional counselor. Okay. And I have my own office here in Montrose. And I have a large gay and lesbian population. Okay, my gay man often talk about this very issue of do we use condoms or not used condoms are always asking these questions of Is that safe? Is that not safe? And it's been asked since the very beginning, it's been in since the very beginning. But yet when we do talk about this issue, most of the men decide now we're not going to do that. Because we don't like rubber in our mouth. If we liked rubber in our mouth, we talking, we'd suck on something that has rubber. So



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tell though, if I liked rubber? Hello,



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it. And I'm sorry, but those flavored condoms just really they don't do it's like,



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you know, for the first few sections, okay. That's all



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she was, like, if it was like, um, I think one like



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I don't even know. But yeah, this is an interesting issue, I think, for the community. And we're hoping to make this fun and formative. Our goal here is not to tell people what to do with this work at this presentation, but rather to give people enough information where they can decide for themselves where they're comfortable and what they would love to do.



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Could you repeat that? Because I want to make sure everybody out there understands where you're coming from here? Because that's a very important aspect of your group.



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Yeah, absolutely.



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We are not about telling people what to do with themselves, their bodies, their sexuality, we are only about providing a space where people can come together, get the information they need, and determine for themselves what's important for them and around sexuality. Yeah, we're not there to educate people and tell people this is what you do. This is what you do not do, where they're like, give the people that information so they can decide for themselves what they want to do with their own lives and their own bodies. And I think that's that's one of our, our central concepts. Yeah,



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yeah, exactly. I think fabulous boys is all about encouraging younger men to take control of their lives, health and futures. And we're hope that we're having a an effect in that we're empowering guys to say, this is what I want to do. This is and this is how I'm going to do it. It's all about encouraging guys to inhabit their fabulousness. Well, I



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think you also start with the premise that that all these men have a brain exactly that they can use it.



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Also, education is a key and the more you know, the more choices you have. There you go. Yeah, if you don't, you know, the more you learn about things, the more options you have. It's it opens the door and takes the limits off.



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And for those people who think that oh wait All I can just take a couple of pills here to drag a few few folks like me in every once in a while to say, let me tell you about the side effects of all these medications



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pain in the ass. Worse. Hello, hello. Yeah, I mean, I'm HIV positive and I take the medication, I can just say pain in the ass. Okay. I mean, but but I think the cool thing about fabulous boys is that we're not just we're, in addition to being about creating relevant health promotion strategies, we're also about building community. I mean, because I feel very strongly that there is a tremendous value in creating alternative spaces where gay men can come together and just appreciate one another you bet. And, and just have fun. I mean, you guys should be on the lookout for a couple of upcoming fabulous boys events. Yes. One is going to be a report from the boulder gay men's health summit forum, I am looking forward to that, which is where we're going to have Ray Hill, who we all know and love. Michael Ross, who is a professor at the UT School of Public Health, and myself, and we're going to be talking about our experiences at the gay men's health summit this past weekend in Boulder, Colorado, and also try to figure out some new ways we can build a Gay Men's Health Movement here in Houston.



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So yeah, excuse me. So those were the three. Now that's just one different Houston. Well, there



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were four people actually, which is a little disappointing. But we're gonna have more people at the summit 2000. Okay. The second thing you can look for is splish splash, which is going to be a back to school pool party that we're going to be having, which is going to be a whole lot of fun. I think it's going to be totally fabulous. And it's just going to be a great opportunity for guys to, you know, jump in the pool, have a great time to hang around with a bunch of cool boys and bikinis and all that kind of stuff and just have a more fun positive party atmosphere.



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Have you actually commandeered someone's pool for this yet?



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We're working on that now. Which is why I'm not giving a day.



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My pool is about the size of a large bathtub. Okay.



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Yeah, I mean, we're all about I mean, it's all about seeing how many boys we can put in a pool anyway. So yeah, I think it's gonna be great. I mean, we're gonna have Twister, you know, water balloon fights. That's that whole kind of thing. Then also, let's see, what's the next one after that October, as part of Empower 99, which, you know, is this big community gay business expo, which expanded beyond business to be like this big community Coming Out Day thing. That's going to be on October 10, which is a Sunday at the Georgia brown Convention Center. We are going to be facilitating a community forum entitled, The end of AIDS, hope or hype. Yeah. And this is going to be an ultra fabulous forum, that's going to be as giving us an opportunity to figure out where we are in terms of our thinking about the AIDS epidemic now that we've had like, what three or four years of widespread use of protease inhibitors, and that's been working seems to be working like really well for a lot of people, but not quite so well, for some people



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quite well. And not at all for about 20% of the people. Exactly,



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yeah. And also taking into account I mean, issues such as bareback sex, the new strategies needed to prevent HIV infection and so on and so forth. So then that's going to include people who are prevention activist people who are treatment activist bittul, who are actually living with the disease, and doctors who are treating people with the disease. So that's going to be preyed upon a pretty powerful and amazing forum. And other things that have no dates but will be coming up soon. We're gonna be doing an all live all gay version of politically incorrect. Homosexual ly incorrect. And you guys need to be looking out for love it, it's gonna be fabulous. Fabulous. sneak in



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the back in the back of the room for that.



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And who's to say you will not be invited to be a panelist? So I mean, see you guys.



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They need to go to baffle so yeah. Really fun.



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See, you guys thought when we chose the date, fabulous that we were just kidding.



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What I'm trying to remember I quoted you Friday night.



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When I was on that other show. Yeah. Let's communicate forces. Oh, I know what I was talking about. Yeah. Yeah. I was talking about how I was going on, you know, being my self righteous self, about how you know about empowering younger men to inhabit the fabulousness and how fabulousness is a part of our queer birthright. Yes.



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And I was in the car coming over to the station. I just cracked up.



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But it's true. It's true. And we just all need to feel comfortable owning our fabulousness it is true and displaying. Yes. You know, I mean because



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because when we stop realizing that we're not going to assimilate and that we're going you know we are different than straight people. Hello.



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I mean it as much as straight people Want to claim to be like the Borg? You know, resistance is futile. Work with us. Good.



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Well, Michael, Daniel, thank you for being oh wait,



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let us know. Let us let us plug. Let us plug



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rainbow D flag has



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rainbow the fact. Okay,



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a question about rain. And I know that he was just stressing oral sex is what you're talking Yeah. blow jobs. Well, and the taste of condoms or whatever. Yeah. So I have a couple of questions. Are they going to discuss like bleeding gums, cuts, abrasions in the mouth and all this stuff? That very important that uses our contract. You may not like the taste of a condom, but I tell you what, Brett, if you're in if you have an abrasion and you might not even know you have an abrasion, you got gingivitis, Gingivitis, I mean, if you have bleeding gums, or whatever, I mean, you brush your teeth, you happen to have a little bit of blood on that means you have a cut somewhere. Yes.



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And then that is a opportunity for you to get into your guard, maybe not at all or not



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at all. There is some concern, is that going to be discussed? Oh,



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Paul Simmons, who is a treatment and advocacy director at the Center for AIDS, we'll be updating us on what is known from all the surveys that are being done about oral sex and the possibility of HIV transmission. So we asked, we will cover that good. And we'll also cover how we feel about oral sex. You know, giving another guy a blowjob having a guy give us a blow job, how that fits into our conception of our queer identities, and how it how we feel as men being able to do that. I'm extending that for me, being able to go down on another guy is exceptionally important nature. And it's a very important part of my identity as a gay man. Stand that but Daniel is going to give us the date, time, place, location, etc. Go.



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That's right. We didn't do that. Did



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we did that one.



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We did that once. The beginning was this Wednesday, the 11th of August will be stainless be in community center, right here on Hawthorne. And the exact address I believe is 8033. Hawthorne,



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right there at Stanford. It's kind of like Walgreens back door.



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Yeah. And you should get there earlier because, you know, we get kind of crowded and we went to the guys to have a great seat. So you can you know, be sure to get all the information and be all cute boys that will be there. And if you have any questions, you can give us a call at area code 713-874-0798 or you can email us [fabulous\\_boys@yahoo.com](mailto:fabulous_boys@yahoo.com)



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Fabulous underscore boys. Do ye S Yes. [yahoo.com](http://yahoo.com) Rock on. Gotcha. Thanks for being on after hours. Thank



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you so much. You're fabulous.



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And while we're doing plugs that yeah, should go ahead and do a plug for the South Central Regional bisexual conference coming up. October 22. To the 24th. For registration forms and more information, go to [www.flash.net/~the Buy house slash conference](http://www.flash.net/~the Buy house slash conference).



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Gotcha. We'll be right back.



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Oh yeah 106 in the am you're listening to after hours right here on KPFT Houston and ke O 's College Station on Jimmy Carper. That music that you heard was a favorite here. After hours, Charlie CHEO. With today when I called your heart there was nobody home. He is the Castro cowboy and his music can be found at Lobos right here in Houston on Montrose Boulevard. Before that, we had David Marr with that kind of dancy little number. It's called more each day it's off of his EP called Lost and Found and that's gonna be probably a little bit harder to get. You'll have to let's see. He's got an E go to his web address at WWW dot David Mar music ma H our music.com Yes, now Gigi is back. There she is here. And I think we've got Jim in the other room.



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And I think we do yes,



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yes, we do have Germany. My eyes were not deceiving me.



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And my next guest we're going to come with a WoW is my Echo page runs by cafe.



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Oh, yeah. Now this this way you can get a hold of this guy while now. Well he



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got a, he had an old type cell phone that was either digital or analog one or the other analog I think I think it was. They were in a restaurant waiting for the phone to ring and it never rang and the signal wouldn't go through. They were sitting next to Ouch. Well, now we got a brand new one that's supposed to penetrate everything



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I love when it penetrates everything.



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digital and analog, so we're gonna give it a try tonight. Okay, and traits went



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well, you know, Jewel reached me over the coals last last month about the whole bisexuality thing. Yeah.



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Well, no,



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it wasn't really breaking over the coals.



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I was like, not understanding about bisexuality, and you were not very forthcoming.



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Well, wants to understand what I mean lot both both give me erections. And what more do you need to know the net? Oh, a lot of people just, I mean, you know, really, when it gets right down to it, I mean, you know, cheese, but more is there.



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There's a lot more I mean, there's this whole stepping away from either or black and white. It's getting into fuzzy territory. Yeah, a lot of people. Yes. And, you know, if you look back to our primitive roots, the medicine men, the shaman, most of them are bisexual and or transgendered. Oh, yeah. And some are hermaphrodites, but they were chosen because they could walk in that kind of area that most people can't get a grasp on. Well, I thought that they made good spiritual leaders because they could walk in the physical world as well as the spiritual world. I and same sexuality. Oh, I'm sorry. No, that's



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okay. I think when when you're talking to mono sexual people, that people who are either

hetero or gay, or lesbian, that as a gay man, I just have no sexual feelings for women at all and don't understand there's something in my brain that just doesn't even comprehend sex with a woman. For me, yeah. And I do not view women as sexual creatures at all. I view them as friends. Buddies. Yeah. And I think that may be true from for, whatever, predominantly heterosexual people too, so so that it's the idea of thinking of your same sex or another sex.



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And there's another dimension. Yeah, I think there's really basically, I mean, while there's more than two types, but there's two kind of broad categories of bisexual. There's the bisexual who loves a person no matter what gender you know, whatever. plumbings there's okay with them. Right? And they tend to be the ones that are happy with doesn't matter which gender they're with. And then there's other type the other side of bisexuality, and this is more I guess, the side I fall on where I like both plumbings Yeah.



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It was just hard for him I think to convey this idea to jewel Yeah.



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And I think for a lot of people that aren't familiar I mean, even bisexuals have a lot of trouble with this concept because I hear over and over again through binary Houston and it's echoed through every bi conference I've ever gone to this whole concept that you know, there's not that much difference between the genders and that shouldn't matter you know,



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what a great difference



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I got the other camp saying now there is a big difference Yes. Yes. So it does get to be a very complex issue even within bisexual



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several different camps on



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matters got damaged.



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Oh okay, though since you put it that way. See that chapters closed



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we got a Robin Renee



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didn't I forgot whether you said to cue up the first or second song either one. Okay, because it's the second song. And while we're listening to Robin Rene again, you're going to be calling Miko page, okay. And you're This is all happening on after hours, folks. Yes, that night sounds hold on night sounds and and the dumpster to wonderful shows right here on KPFT. And Gigi have we done it?



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I think we got him. Hi, Michael.



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Can you guys all like you're busy out there in Texas? Yes,



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we're doing



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here. I sure appreciate you inviting me. By Robin Renee.



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Yeah, Mike got to meet her at the leaders. The national meeting by Nance USA along with me and everybody else. She is really terrific. And



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we had a we had a wonderful time. Robin is a terrific girl. Oh, yeah. I look forward to spending time with her in the future. Maybe down to Fort Lauderdale here and do a little performance for



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now. I'm hoping to get her down here for the conference. Ah, well tell us a little bit about my cafe.



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Well, the bike Cafe has been online, just over a year and a half now. I guess I couldn't tell you much about it without telling you why I created one before you do that. What is it? Well, the bike Cafe is a website for bisexual people, people who are bisexual or bacteria. It's a place for them to come on the line and actually meet each other. And they can meet each other face to face if they elect to. And the way they do that is with closed photo was still photo. Online by community. It's a lot more than just a dating, tackle the service. The members have a chance and opportunity to write a call editorials. There's going to be over read the book by money Karmani, Lorien. Hutchins by any other name. There are a lot of lot of stories in that book that people have written in a very real way. It's very touching stories. We've had to do the same thing on our editorial page, but the people have the chance to respond to one another. Yeah, the editorials also appeared back in the forum. And then the forums just become ongoing conversations for candidates. The idea that books kind of kind of came to life and became a little bit more interactive.



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And you also have some for the more wild side some extracted photos right.



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Here we got a little a little bio erotica, I didn't want to do anything about sexual identity without showing some of the some of the fruits I just got through it took me a couple of hours. I've got all the images changed out. I tried to do that every week. But I've been about every week and a half. And about 200 images. There's a nice entertain entertainments. Very, very erotic, very by erotic.



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And there's, for the political activist. There's a political page that has interactions going on. And



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absolutely, in fact, I've got great news. Just three nights ago, I started flying in Fort Lauderdale. Oh, wow, we're going to be completely affiliated with Brian at USA. And really looking forward to facilitating that we're going to meet two times a month, first and third Wednesdays so if you happen to be down in South Florida and you want to pop in, we'd love to have you on the website, there's an area on the forums where we can post different things that are occurring. And then the activists to kind of guide us along if you will.



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Yeah. Yeah,



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you know, a lot of times, you know, the real world, of course, for us, by people, it's hard to get bisexuals together, but then to give them a political awareness at the same time. It's definitely challenging. Got a little survey down here JC we did a little survey. And we one of the questions was would you be interested in political activism, bisexual political activism, and unfortunately, we only got about three three positive responses out of 100 So that's about 3% But yeah, it doesn't really surprise me it just tells me that they have this work cut out.



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Wow, they're you know, being an activist is rare breed.



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It's certainly one of the good ones out there and we all appreciate it. Oh, how did



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how did by campaign come about?



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I'm 37 years old, I spent a good part of my life trying to prepare myself for my career. Like primary careers in aviation. I'm an airline pilot for US Airways. I've been there and in my 11th year, but basically two years ago, I had just got finished completing my thoughts, totally

renovated a four bedroom house here in Fort Lauderdale. And I was fairly new to the area, I just moved down from Daytona Beach. I didn't really know so many people here. And it's always been on my mind. It was really been terrific to be able to connect with other bisexual people. I really, really never had any outlets never had an opportunity to do that. I mean, obviously, we have gay bars all over the country. And if there's not one single bar specifically provides people on the whole planet. Certainly affiliate



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makes a pretty invisible community.



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Very invisible, unfortunately. And I, I set out to try and change that. So I really took a big step. It brought me out in the process. Otherwise, I don't, I don't believe I would have had a reason to come out. I mean, who knows? You can't say what would have happened. But what did happen was, I launched myself into this Internet Project. And as a result, not everyone I know. And my family and my friends every once in a while to a coworker, or because perhaps maybe it'll come up in conversation or something related to business. My personal life?



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Also, I mean, my cafe is more than that. It also has by Martin, you. You're the originator and designer, the bike flag, right?



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Yes, that's correct. That was something that came along just this past December. It was the one year anniversary party that we've had the bike Cafe



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the pride pride flag. And basically, I extracted the colors that had been used in the Bible. Actually, they came from the two triangles, there were two overlapping triangles. Yeah, the pink one in the blue, and then the overlap the resultant color with the purple in the middle. So I kind of kind of extrapolated on that, and kind of helped that evolve a bit and I took it, and I put it on to a flag. And work. That's one of the primary items by Mark. And I'm real pleased to say we've sold 1000s of flags, flag stickers, keychains. Coffee mugs, we got it. I'm just about to start getting some T shirts made up. Luigi down in Miami. First, he's been an activist for probably 20 years. And he's done many, many T shirts. And



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I know that the FBI flag is just caught on all over and by communities on the east and west

coasts and probably in a lot of other parts of the country.



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It's doing really well. I feel that it's kind of my contribution. I don't hold patents on it, there's no trademark on it. And there couldn't be because it's a political flag so that that flag is open and available. Anyone can do anything with it that they want. And I would certainly be excited to hear any products that come along and buy for I don't know, five prototypes. One of the things you had mentioned. Yeah. Well, that was a picture of a Primark. Yeah,



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that'd be great. That'd be a big heads are celebrating bisexuality Day coming up September 23.



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Hey, I'll tell you it's a big hit no matter where you go. Anytime, anytime you have a group of five people together, then you set up this ambiance, this atmosphere where you're where you have flags all over the vibe, bright colors and candles. It really does create an atmosphere that people really start to feel comfortable with. We've done about four parties with course we did. The by night USA annual meeting in Phoenix. A couple of weeks ago, we had banners all over the place and cars were everywhere.



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I think you know, the bike communities and emerging community. It's just starting to become visible. You know, 10 years ago, you can find a book on the bookshelf on bisexuality. And now there's several shelves full of them. And I think the flag emerging is becoming a mother sign that we are becoming a community and we're becoming more of that Cisco and becoming something of presence out in the bigger community?



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Absolutely, we're definitely becoming United flag will help us and help us up in Tallahassee during equality because at home, we have the five pride flags of all the five people who are carrying them and the ones to divide people really stood out. And proof of that the next day on the paper Monday morning. The Tallahassee Democrat right there on the first page was a picture of two guys hugging each other, and there was a girl sitting there by pride flag on his boy in color, all right. All the flags in the pipeline were listed on the flank of the world directory, there are only three pride flags that are recognized there. Of course, there's the rainbow flag. There's also the leather pride flag, and there's Dubai Priceline. It's doing great. It's not even a year old. Came out of the summer, it's only eight months ago. And I can say that in the next 10 years



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are going to have a real dynamic future. Okay. For people that are interested in visiting by cafe, how do they get there?



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It's online@www.bi Cafe. See, I see a s.com. And you can access that from any computer in the world. To access it from Australia, access it from Costa Rica.



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And people that are



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pretty, pretty exciting. Remembers members from around the world right now. There's just under 700 members, it's got about 690.



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And we're really rolling along with it. It's all over the United States all over the world. You meet people on there, and what do people need to do to become a member?



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Well, you go to the signup page, and you follow the note requires a credit card that serves two purposes really. One is age verification. And also the second part is identity verification. One of the real nice things about this bike Deaf people can come in there and make up an identity. Like I can say they can't, but they'd have a tough time doing it. Reason being their credit card is verified by memberships. And just to give you an idea of \$10 for a month. And then if you wanted to go for one year, it would be \$70 for a year, and then you get the second year for free. So it's really \$35 for an entire year. Anyways, that credit card solidifies whoever it is coming in as a member. They do elect to post their photos. Yeah, that's that's also confirmation to that person and



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people who visit the site can do so free of charge, right?



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A little bit, not people who



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visit the site can come visit free of charge without becoming a member.



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Oh, yeah, there are quite a few areas that are free of charge and some very interesting areas. One of the editorial areas where members only post articles, right? You have one or two pair yourself. Oh yeah. I guess



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along with a couple of



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articles have both of you there. Also they can access via information, any kind of information that comes along the pipe I posted up there. There's also by chat that's free. Anyone could come on in there and hopefully it will be implemented right as you can chit chat. Hopefully definitely