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SPEAKERS

Buddy Johnston



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Good morning Houston you're listening to after hours on 90.1 FM KPFT in Houston, where it's at very special time of the year the KPFT winter THON. KPFT is listener sponsored. That means that if you like after hours as much as we like you, you can pick up the phone and let us know how much you like us. The number to call to show your financial support and make that pledge is 520-573-8520 KP ft. If you want to help us bring you the best in news viewpoints and information each Sunday morning here on after hours. Give us a call that number again 52057384520 KPFT. And speaking of news, viewpoints and information you can use from the heart of the community, it's time once again for afterwards.



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Here on after hours, we care about our listeners. And one of the most important groups of people who listened to after hours, who call us and write to us each week is young people. So today and in the future, we're going to be bringing you news and information especially for our younger listeners. Coming soon in a new feature called Youth beat John Burgo from the gay and lesbian students association is going to be bringing you news and information about young people, people in college, from people who aren't in college. So if you went to the celebration of life rally a couple of months ago, you got to hear a terrific speech by John about what Harvey Milk's Life and Death means to him as a young person. Now we've got the same guy that you saw up on stage live on the air here on afterwards. So tune in starting soon to after hours. So you can hear John Bercow with our new feature youth be here



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it's time for the news. A frightening prospect if you're young and going to Texas public schools. State senator Ken Ken Armbrister from Victoria has introduced a bill that will make it impossible to teach about any form of birth control other than complete abstinence from sex. Who knows what will happen if this gets passed into law just think an entire generation of Texas youths who don't get to find out about condoms and diaphragms and an oxen all nine. Instead, these

kids will get to read textbooks that say abstinence is the only completely reliable method of avoiding unwanted teenage pregnancy unquote. They'll get to read pages of statistics showing the failure rates of all other kinds of birth control is proof of the effectiveness of not having sex at all. So remember, kids just say no. Meanwhile, in Kansas City, teenagers are just saying no to ignorance and misinformation about AIDS through a national toll free hotline to answer the AIDS questions of young people. The program is an outgrowth of the Good Samaritan Project, a local AIDS organization in Kansas City, and the teenagers group calls themselves teens tab for teens teaching AIDS prevention. This past January 1, teens chat became a national organization aimed at charter starting local chapters excuse me, in every state and we have this report from Mary Jo Draper of the AIDS Radio Network.



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Teens tap began in 1987. One an adult speaker from the Kansas City Good Samaritan Project want to talk at a local high school about AIDS prevention. Then High School senior Michelle Johnson was in the audience. Johnson says the talk led her to wonder how teenagers could help prevent their peers from contracting the disease.



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Just got to thinking, hey, if we can have a student organization for Students Against Drunk Driving, why can't you have some kind of student organization for AIDS which is going to kill us just as many people as drunk driving.



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Johnson became one of the founders of teens tap or teens teaching AIDS prevention. She and other Kansas City teenagers set up a speaker's bureau published brochures and began a national toll free hotline. Since last April, the teenagers in Kansas City have answered almost 7000 hotline calls from other young people with questions about AIDS. The project's team director Kara Morris says since the hotline began, the number of calls has picked up steadily. And the questions teenagers asked have become more serious. She says basically, teenagers want to know how AIDS is transmitted, but asking



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you know how you can't get it. They're a little bit confused about that because there's a lot of mescal. Been around. They'll say well, you know, I think some of my school has a you know my going to be at risk or one of their relatives, friends or brothers or mother or father and they want to know what to do.



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200 teenagers in Kansas City have attended teens tap training so far. Now with the aid of a \$93,000. One year grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, teen stop, organizers hope to expand their efforts. ~~to help 700 of the Good Samaritan Project work with the young people~~

to expand their efforts. Jeannie Zen of the Good Samaritan Project works with the young people then says many teenagers across the country who have AIDS or who are HIV positive, called the teens tap hotline. She says why teens tap has been able to refer those young people to support groups and services in their own communities. Those support groups do not usually consist of other teenagers,



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we could refer to other teens and teens want to talk to teens. So that's a problem we can refer to or referring to them to adults, they want to talk to teens. They want to be befriended by teens.



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Xin says that problem could be solved by starting teens tap chapters in every state. In fact, her goal under the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation grant is to do just that by the end of this year.



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Thanks to Mary Jo Draper at KPFA. And Berkeley for that story makes me feel really good about young people and hear it after hours. We feel good about our listeners, whether you're young or old, straight or gay, any color under the rainbow. I want to take just a minute to remind you that we feel good about you. And if you feel good about us, let us know. Show your financial support for after hours radio celebrating life from the heart of Montrose pick up the phone and call us for marathon at 5205738 That's 520 KPFT and we've got even more news viewpoints and information you can use coming right up.



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You're listening afterwards and my name is Rob Ditto. If you're about ready to fall asleep, here's some information that may shock you into wakefulness and it's some information you need to know about gay bashing. Reporting or Tony Sullivan and Sandy Dwyer from KPFK and Janice Windborne KPFA.



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Reports of physical violence against gay men and lesbians are escalating around the world. Australia's Sydney star observer listed incidents over the last three months that involve 28 gay men and six lesbians who are attacked in the Greater Sydney area. In Los Angeles, there were 18 incidents of violence from mid November to the end of December. In Washington DC, the United States Park Service has imposed a curfew beginning at sundown at the Peace Street Beach because of the high number of gay dashes and other crimes.



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Activists say that violence is being encouraged by a variety of people through radio and the music industry. Then Connecticut DJ Sebastian has frequently said on the air, I hate fags and as advocated castrating facts to stop the spread of AIDS. There were 59 known incidents of assault, murder and harassment in that state last year. Los Angeles deejays. Mark and Brian also made anti gay and lesbian remarks last summer, but after numerous complaints that they stopped, then a New Year's Eve concert in Long Beach, California. Zakk Wylde, the guitarist and Ozzy Osbourne's heavy metal band, referring to gay men said, if you see them bash their heads in SAM Tennyson's alleged comedy album, have you seen me lately had several homophobic and aids perfect segments, one in a million. A song on the new album by Guns and Roses includes lyrics which advocate violence against blacks and immigrants, as well as gays and lesbians.

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New Jersey is in the midst of a legislative contradiction. The New Jersey State Senate is considering a law which would mandate longer prison terms for hate crimes against people based on their race, color, religion, ethnicity or sexual orientation. The state assembly meanwhile, passed a bias Crimes Bill that did not include sexual orientation. negotiations are underway in the Senate Judiciary Committee to reconcile the bills. Activists hope that the phrase sexual orientation will be included in the final version.

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Meanwhile, the Bureau of AIDS is playing a role in the ethnic confrontations which have been taking place in the People's Republic of China. Jonas Windborne reports.

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African students in the eastern city of Nanjing have been the object of two weeks of clashes by Chinese students and workers with confrontation, racial slurs, class boycotts, and even a kidnapping. The actions apparently started with rumors that the African exchange students in Nanjing are harboring the AIDS virus. Deferred liong is a physician and eat specialist who visited China this past summer. They don't

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have nearly eight patients per se. In fact, the only ones that are well publicized ones from Florida who got sick while they were there, but the word affected prior to coming here. They don't have a lot of latest knowledge. One of the problems that I discerned Well, I would say that they still have a lot of concerns about the casual contact. There's a lot of practices that people have in regards to blacks in general. And I think in certain parts of the country, not having been exposed to a lot of blacks, those prejudices are magnified, and put their point because of the age problem. The field age,

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the 1600 African students in China, anyone has tested positive under China's mandatory age testing program for all foreign residents. In San Francisco. I'm Janet Windborne.



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The information that you can get anywhere else on the radio dial here and after hours and on KPFT. We give you the information you need to know so that you can fight homophobia can fight AIDS and fight gay bashing can fight back against the forces of society's oppression. You're important to us and we want you to know what you need to know.



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Oh, no, no, no, no.



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You're shaking your



Buddy Johnston 13:41

head and I'm going yes, I'm in great pain.



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Why are you in great pain?



Buddy Johnston 13:45

I don't know. What night is Thursday. Live on tape. Yeah, almost live. Well, we're live on tape. And you're in Philadelphia right now. Right?



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Yeah, by the magic of tape recorded time traveling to places at once and then probably wishing I was at home doing something rarely wishing like WC Fields in his grave. You'd rather be in Philadelphia,



Buddy Johnston 14:08

I'd rather be somewhere else. But anyway, we wanted to remind you that it's marathon at nine time 520-573-8520 KPFT. That's the number to call to make your pledge. There's no reason to

say Visa, MasterCard, American Express, because we'll save a minute. Right now we want to talk about movies.

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That's right. A couple of good movies that we saw. What are we see this past Wednesday, but a Torch Song Trilogy? That's right, the Houston premiere of a really wonderful movie that if you listen to the show last week, you heard me say the most important gay film yet. What do you think of it?

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Buddy Johnston 14:42

It's a very beautiful film. And if you want to call right now at five to six, or 1000 And you're the 123 4/5 Caller. Well, the first five will give you tickets to Torch Song Trilogy. So call us right now. 526 4004 We'll take the first five callers and you'll win tickets to the put some trilogy now showing that the

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Buddy Johnston 15:09

gusta Westheimer is just a few miles outside of the loops of pakka lines and get your shot,

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right, I guess just look good Chimney Rock and fountains.

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Buddy Johnston 15:19

But it's a nice, it's a nice theater and the movie itself was beautiful. I noticed you had your mom and dad,

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I had my entire immediately, immediately family immediate family with me, immediately family. I said, You got to see this movie immediately family and they came my mother and my father and my little brother,

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Buddy Johnston 15:38

I had talked to your father in the lobby a long time before the movie started and didn't realize a few minutes to tell when he asked me who I wanted to get on a KPFT jacket, right. But when I found out who he was, we talked at great length. And he afterwards I saw him when the film was over. And he really, really enjoyed it, they really seem to enjoy.



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Everybody my family did I was I was surprised. One of the things that I think about Torch Song Trilogy is it's a really good movie to take your family to to help them to understand about how it feels that the topic that's addressed in the movie is how it feels to be a member of a family and also a member of the gay community at the same time.



Buddy Johnston 16:20

That's true. And I think we had talked about this before the cemetery scene was very powerful. I think that was the most powerful scene in the movie. And the only problem I had with the film was near that scene at the cemetery after Arnold and his mother had gone back to the house. And his mother made reference to you cut us out of your life. So it's kind of like your fault.



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And it's not always our motto. It's



Buddy Johnston 16:48

not. And that's the only thing that I have a problem with. All in all, it's 100%. And I would encourage everyone to go see.



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Yeah, terrific. You weren't you were talking about how it's not our fault that we've been cut out of our lives. What do you think that is?



Buddy Johnston 17:06

I think we allow society because we don't stand up and fight back. So we're going to have to learn how to do that. And hopefully that's what we're doing. Are we going to see movies like this and continue to educate ourselves, but that's what it's all about. So it can only get better and better Torch Song Trilogy now showing at the



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Cineplex Odeon spectrum megalopolis Paleozoic theater

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Buddy Johnston 17:34

It's beautiful. 520-573-8520 KPFT. That's the number to call to make your pledge of support after hours. And afterwards. Speaking of movies, I've been through this answering machine out the window.

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So let's tell him why. Today, Why did you laugh? Why did I laugh? Because it made me think of a movie that I saw called Women on the verge of a nervous breakdown that I saw with you in fact, who is was that Spanish? It was made in Spain. That's right by Pedro.

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Buddy Johnston 18:10

speaking in Spanish, what the hell is on your answering machine?

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Well, my home phone number was given no, I'm not gonna give out my home.

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Buddy Johnston 18:21

Phone number is 5555555. All

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right, if you want a good time. You want a good time if you're into typewriter sex, okay, when we say that

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Buddy Johnston 18:33

it's too late. We just did. What was the deal with your phone number?

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Okay, well, it was one digit off of the listener request line for the last segment, which is a an am radio station that is in the Spanish language here in town. So at all hours of the night, I would get phone calls, they would go that demand. And you know, they want to dedicate a song to

something and there's nothing I can do. I briefly considered telling if I knew enough Spanish, I was thinking about telling them in Spanish. Yes, he wanted a new car. Why don't you come down to the station appointment? Barring those I

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Buddy Johnston 19:08

called. It was the funniest thing I've ever heard. But also funny. We got to talk about women on the verge of a nervous breakdown. That's right. And it's now showing that the Greenway, three theaters,

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women on the verge of a nervous breakdown is about to be hysteria that is caused in our modern society by telephones and answering machines and friends and lovers in the way that friends and lovers, Georgia, are you using the telephone? Do they do that ring machine? I know that mine Sure do.

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Buddy Johnston 19:42

And I think one of the funniest scenes is when the answering machine comes flying out the window,

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right? Yeah. Paper is the main character played by Carmen Mara. And at one point she just gets so frustrated with being abused by her ex lover. are tons of other people over the telephone that she just picks the damn thing up and throws it right out the window right through the beautiful glass picture window of her penthouse

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Buddy Johnston 20:10

landing on the car for ex lover who's escaping right and they have this funny look on their

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faces this all of a sudden this bounty This is answering machine from the sky with a BMW

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Buddy Johnston 20:23

so you get two great films showing it subtitles for those of us that do not speak and the subtitles are Espanol



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that's right like me. If they know a lot say manda AMI nominee s Rob



Buddy Johnston 20:37

Taco Bell and others have achieved so we won't even do that. Oh, golly. But it's now sharing it the Greenway three theaters women on the verge of a nervous breakdown



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and this makes my life Leave it leave. Yeah, mine too. Let's make at least two films that are showing right now in the Houston area that have a gay sensibility Torch Song Trilogy, obviously and women on the verge of a nervous breakdown, of course feeding on the camp aspects of films, the people in the gay community love like All About Eve and Whatever Happened to Baby Jane,



Buddy Johnston 21:07

if you're listening and it's time for you to pick up your phone and make that pledge of support 520-573-8520 KPFT that's the number to call women on the verge of a nervous breakdown. That's what we are if you don't support your public radio station and after hours,



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we're on the verge of an NB RSL



Buddy Johnston 21:30

and Torch Song Trilogy now showing so get out and enjoy a good movie.



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Let's bid it for this edition of afterwards, I'd like to thank the people who helped out or we had our usual gang of suspects. And we also had a visit from buddy who talked with me about movies and that was a lot of fun. We had some tape contributions from Mary Jo Draper, and Janice Windborne of KPFA. And Tony Sullivan and Sandy Dwyer of KPFK also helped out and we had some contributions in the news from the Houston Chronicle. Our broadcast engineer is Mike Ford, who has been slaving away. And I want to tell you a little bit about our theme music. The name of this song is feeling happy and it's from an album called northern knights a lot of the background music that we use on afterwards and sometimes even on the after our show and the regular part with Buddy is from this album, it's one of my favorites.



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It's not too late to be part of the KPFT winter phone if you want to join the KPFT family show your financial support and make your pledge. The number to call is 5205738 or 520 KPFT. So give us a call and let us know that you're out there. Let us know that you support radio celebrating life from the heart of Montrose and let us know that you support and listener sponsored KPFT Pacifica radio. My name is Rob Ditto. Thanks for listening to afterwards. Coming up next more with Buddy