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I now go figure,



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a man say something. Yes, I would, you know, can a gay man say something? Sure. Well,



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you know, I've been sitting here listening to all of this. And, you know, I think that, you know, you know, when we have, you know, discussions like this, that a lot of times, and you know, I say this as a gay man, because there are a lot of us, gay people, lesbians who do not understand the transgender issue. And I think it's, it's because we refuse to acknowledge the fact that before we were gay, if we had been approached with the transgender issue that we would could have considered ourselves transgender. I, myself speaking at, you know, from the viewpoint that when I was a very young man, I thought that it was nice to dress up in my mother's clothes, and that it would be nice to be a girl instead of a boy, because boys were expected to be something that I, as a man, or as a male was, you know, I just couldn't see myself being that way. And and, you know, there's been a tremendous amount of discussion about within the gay community and in the gay press, of dis, acknowledging the transgender community, saying that they are not a part of us, when in fact, I believe that they are, of course, because I believe that those of us who are gay, go through that. Confusion in our minds, whether we are male or female, even and whether you know, it's not even a sexual thing. It's a it's a even personal thing, even on



Jimmy Carper 02:01

the broader scale. Well, exactly in bed.



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And you know, and it's like, you know, when you're like seven years old, you know, who you know, who you have sex with doesn't enter your mind. It's like, what you what you feel like, you know, how you feel like, you know, like, you don't want to play football, you want to stay at home, and you want to learn how to cook, or you're a girl that wants to play baseball, and doesn't want to stay home and learn how to sew? Well, that, you know, Ross ingenious in seeing this transgender role in its version concept, absolutely. It's something that you know, that this society kind of, like tries to lead us into our various different roles. And, you know, we become adults, and, you know, in things really, that I find really unusual in all of this being a gay man. Now, so, you know, as I say, a gay man, because you say, I'm not a drag queen. And I'm a member of an organization that a long time ago was considered a drag queen club, the Royal Sovereign imperial court and single star a long time ago, that was like, Oh, you're a member of that drag queen club? And I'm like, no, no, no, I'm not a drag queen. I'm a gay man who works you know, I perform on stage I sing live. And,



Vanessa Edwards Foster 03:20

but you can relate to the I can relate with



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crossing the gender lines with the



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week receive, the thing about it is, the thing about it is is that when you become an adult, and with the gay community, it's like, okay, we've already decided, and we've already determined our sexual orientation. And the thing that that has, that I feel as the gay community has a problem with, is that they feel that if you dress like a woman, then you and you're a man, then you must be gay. And if you're a woman that chooses to present herself in clothing as demand, then you must be a lesbian. And that's not the case at all. Nowhere that's why he wears like, it's like in the gay community has had such a very difficult time coming to terms with us, because they feel that they have grown out of that they feel that this is an infantile affectation, and it is not. I remember a long time ago when I was whenever I had come out, I met a man at a bar, who was a man and he was wearing a dress. And if you if any of you in the listening audience are old enough to remember, little Abner, you remember how how mammy Yocum used to wear the big clot Hopper shoes and has a little dress and everything and here was this guy you know dressed up in this absolutely darling little print dress and have the proper shoes on and was ball headed. You know ball headed as bench Ben Franklin had short hair, and who was a man wearing a dress with Claude Harper shoes on and everyone used to think he was the biggest hoot. And I was sitting outside during a bear bust and we were all sitting there talking with him. He said, I'm a transvestite. I'm a man who likes to wear women's clothes. Okay,

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Vanessa Edwards Foster 05:17

and kind of what you were talking about. That's how I grew up when I was younger. I, I never really understood what, in fact, actually, I had never heard of the terms transgender. I didn't even hear of transsexual the look in the dictionary. No, Christine Jorgensen was way, way before me. But I had never even heard of the fact actually, the anniversary of Christine Jorgensen. Yeah, last month, Chris brought that to me. In fact, them. That was something that by the first time I had ever heard of anyone that was transsexual was actually Renee Richards. And at the time, I didn't even know what I was supposed to be. I'm



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old enough to remember Christine.

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Vanessa Edwards Foster 06:00

I didn't know how to relate to that. But I always knew that I was a female. Even at the earliest of ages, it did shock me at the age of four when my dad told me no pink and lavender couldn't be my favorite colors. I was a boy and



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boy, are my favorite colors.



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All I wanted was a GI Joe was a kung fu grip.

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Vanessa Edwards Foster 06:23

Oh, there you go. GI Joe with kung fu grip is always good. thinks something's wrong with the speakers. Anyway, um, I just, I did want to say that. I really appreciate you taking the lead in Boston. And doing the day of remembrance for us up there, we kind of got off the subject a little bit, but



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I'm sorry, I was gonna say we actually we had a great committee of people. It was it was a collaboration of just, we worked so well together. I was very impressed at the sense of community that I really got out of it up here.

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Vanessa Edwards Foster 07:12

I wanted to make sure that Boston had someone that was doing it. And when I guess it was

I wanted to make sure that Boston had someone that was doing it. And when I guess it was about August, and nothing was going on. The first person that was around it was like Ethan wood



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Vanessa did was picking me up and throwing me in traffic.



Vanessa Edwards Foster 07:31

ran quite well, with this car started coming in after Yeah,



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I just want to say that, you know, it has been a number of years since I've lived there in Boston, but I met a number of transgendered people who probably primarily identified with the gay community, but they were super nice to me. And you know, if those people are involved in what you're doing in Boston, you know, you've got some great leaders up there. Well, I



Jimmy Carper 08:01

hate to jump in here. But we've gone over time. And I've got my next segment, we get time and a half my next segment is already calling in. So I know I know. We got a late start tonight. We



Vanessa Edwards Foster 08:17

kind of ran a little bit long. Ethan, thank you very much for coming on the air with us tonight, especially under such short notice. And I really appreciate to being as patient as you were with



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no problem. Yeah, that that coupled with the fact that you're an hour, your hour later.



Jimmy Carper 08:39

Dirty. Thanks so much for being a guest on after hours.



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You're welcome. And thank you for having me. Take care. Thank you.

 Jimmy Carper 08:47

Take care. Good night. Bye. Bye bye. Okay. Jackie. And Jerry, thank you so much for being here. And a pleasure. Oh, good. Really has good. And I hurry i opening. Thank you. Thank you. We do this every Saturday night. Sunday morning, Sunday morning.

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My chart showing up a little bit more often than I have in the past. You know, I think that, you know, some people need to, like get their get their grip on the way that things are happening. And you know, yeah, I appreciate it very much. Thank you.

 Jimmy Carper 09:25

Thank you. And Dean Becker is with us already. He's on the line. And let's see here. We've got to do this and do that. And no, that didn't mean anything. Hello. Nope, nope. Nope. Where is he? Can you check with some folks out there? Yeah, cuz he called in and I was told he was already on the line. But while we're waiting for him let's see what kind of weed You hear what can we do? What can we do? We can do this. Okay.

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Thursday night, and Friday night at Diamond jam. We are on Kirkland doll Thursday night Shavon to St. John who is aspirant for the throne of Emperor's 19 We'll be having a show at Diamond gems. And on Friday night, Ronnie Siebert who is aspirant to the throne of Emperor 19 Will candidate you know, whatever will be, you know, we'll be having a show also, diamond gems is probably one of the nicest clubs you will ever go to I you know, I regret the fact that it is way way up on the north side of town. But you get off on exit 62 which is Rankin road and then you turn left onto the freeway. And almost immediately you want to turn right on to Kirk and dodge about a mile so forth up there. But it is a fabulous club. Jim Hale has a wonderful, wonderful club. The people are just, you know, could not be nicer to you. Please, if you can, Thursday or Friday night, please try to stop by. Okay, Jim, you got it? Yeah, okay. Yeah. Okay. He didn't have the earphones on with me. You got it. Got it. Oh.

 Jimmy Carper 11:33

We had a problem with with with, with Dean calling back in we had him on the wrong phone system. So I'm gonna go to a quick song here by the Unison it's the Windy City, lesbian and gay singers. And I listened to this tonight. I really, really liked it. And I know you will, too. So here we go. And when we come back, we'll have Dean Becker on the line.

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shot shot, shot. sharp. Sharp, sharp, sharp. Sharp. Out. Get better not bad enough out



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from the sharp, sharp, sharp sharp sharp, sharp, sharp. Sharp. He's making a list. He's checking. He's going to find out who's naughty and Santa Claus is calm you sleeping He knows when you're awake



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that will be a jersey from Santa Ana. Hi. Well this is Santa. Santa. Will I bring you one? No. He says Santa causes calm and he knows where you can sleep and he knows he goes bad. Sony good. Rosanna nananana Lang line shooter freedom we now comma comma center to town



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said he said I'm telling you the guy said he said Santa Claus is Allah sharp, sharp, sharp Santa Claus



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shop, shop shop shopping bag.



Jimmy Carper 14:46

Santa Claus is coming to town that you're in Assam that's the I may read that here that is the Windy City lesbian and gay singers. Now we do have a Um Dean Becker cultural baggage hanging on just a moment Jean Hello. Hi, Dean. Good to hear from you well



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Good to hear you. I



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could barely hear my voice but



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it's a good kind of a sexy restroom



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said you baby okay if they can get me some great





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I wanted to tell you this has been quite a great week for drug reform has it? Yes it has I got a big story I want to tell you about but first I just want to skim some of that the headlines from around the world. You know these were did they just show the hypocrisy of the drug wars. One from Great Britain Britain drug Britain drops old drug strategy targets goals were not credible. Michigan Legislature repeals draconian mandatory minimum drug sentences. New Jersey court declares state's civil forfeiture funding scheme unconstitutional. Massachusetts High Court blocks arrest of needle exchange participants Illinois Supreme Court limits use of drug dogs in traffic stops. And in Canada paramilitary drug raid tactics anger Eugene residents and those you know those are just skimming the top. There's hundreds of stories like that coming out every week. Great, but the big story the big and I'm going to have this on the for 20. Drug War news all week. Did you see the movie traffic? There was a scene where the drugs are Michael Douglas's character, quit the DEA, saying he can no longer make war on his own people. Well, deja vu all over again. Oh, almost. The story was first circulated earlier today that perhaps one of the most important develops in drug reform in recent years. This is from sein o tree. He was a guest earlier this year on the cultural baggage show. He was at a hearing the Colombian heroin crisis. And quoting and quoting San Jose out, quote Dan Burton, the Uber drug warrior came within an inch of talking about ending drug prohibition. So many jaws dropped in the room that you could have thought everyone was dunked on Thorazine. Wow, the expressions on the drug warriors faces was priceless when they slowly realized their formerly staunch ally might be going away of New Mexico Governor Gary Johnson. Now the following is a quote from Dan Burton, I want to tell you something, I have been in probably 100 or 150 hearings like this at various times in my political career. And the story is always the same. This goes back to the 60s, you know, 30 or 35 years ago, and every time I come to a hearing, I hear people who get hooked on heroin and cocaine, become addicted, and they very rarely get off of it. And a scourge expands and expands. And you see it growing and growing. And you see these horrible tragedies occur, but there is no end to it. Over 70% of all crime is drug related. We saw on television recently, Pablo Escobar gunned down and everybody applauded and said that's the end of the Mendelian cartel. But it wasn't the end, there was still a cartel down there. They are still all over the place. When you kill one. There's 10 or 20, or 50, waiting to take his place. why? It's because there's so much money to be made in it. And there is always going to be another person in line to make that money. And we go into drug eradication, we go into rehabilitation, and we go into education. And we do all these things. And a drug problem continues to increase. And it continues to cost us not billions, but trillions of dollars, trillions. And we continue to build more and more prisons. And we put more and more people in jail. And we know the crimes that most of the time are related to drugs. So I have one question, I would like to ask all of you and I think this is a question that needs to be asked. I hate drugs. I hate people who succumb to drug addiction. And I hate what it does to our society. Is it every one of us in our family or friends of ours? But I have one question that no one ever asked. And that is this question. What would happen if there was no profit in drugs? If there was no profit in drugs? What would happen? If they couldn't make any money out of selling drugs? What would happen? Because we have been fighting this fight for 30 to 40 years, and the problem never goes away. Wow. And when you get a man like Dan Burton, challenging the law, challenging this hysterical hysteria, for 65 years, we've been fighting this drug war with a man like this stands up to change is near folks. The changes near Oh, I


 Jimmy Carper 19:30
hope so. That would be great. All


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went well, I did this has got all of reform excited that this is like the man who's one of the vertebrae in the backbone of the drug war. And for him to step up and you know, just to challenge it so boldly, and it's it's going to do nothing but help in this. This terrible war.


 Jimmy Carper 19:54
That's terrific news. That really is. So what else has been going on? Well, Okay,

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there's lots of other stories I can tell you about. I've got a whole stack of them sitting here. The US is fuming, of course over the Ottawa pot proposal. And the Canadian House of Commons report came out on Thursday, where they said they were going to decriminalize pot is expected to happen in the early part of January. And I'll also be carrying out lots of reports on the 420 News quotes from people up there this coming week.

 Jimmy Carper 20:31
That indeed will be wonderful news when that happens because it they are so close, and that's gonna cause so many problems with our laws, that it's everything's gonna get muddled up. So

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some of the quotes I'll be providing come from John Walters and ASA Hutchinson who are huffing and puffing their chest out and, oh, we're probably have to shut down the border. Right.

 Jimmy Carper 20:57
They've been so good at doing that, on our border right with Mexico.

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For the FBI, you know, when they run out of money, they're probably listening. I'm not gonna do as good folks. Here's another story out of Dallas. Some folks have probably been hearing about it that tainted prosecution. Were up there. They had a sheet rock scandal, and the DEA

knew that it was sheet rock, and yet they were still sending people to prison. Even though they knew it was sheet rock, why they yes, they knew that the the informants that were turning in these people for sheet rock were lying. They knew the drug convictions were based on sheet rock. Wow. And, you know, it's hitting the fan up there. Good. The DEA has, you know, we're doing the best we can, you know, but the the FBI is looking into it, and they expect a release of that investigation here in the next week or two. On the west coast, there's a Rastafarian now that had challenged a conviction for medical or excuse me for sacramental marijuana, you know, as a raft of fairness. That's right. And the court found that it was a legitimate need for a Rastafarian and that he was entitled to it. That's right. Strange thing is he can do it on federal lands anywhere in the western US, Guam, or you know, the territories. Wow. And yeah, so so it's, you know, a legal sacrament on federal lands these days. Wow. In Santa

 Jimmy Carper 22:35

Cruz be turned in Rastafarian

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groaning dread. Yeah. In Santa Cruz. We spoke earlier in the year about the wham bust, where the police came in and arrested people in wheelchairs and you know, handcuffed people with MS. That sort of thing. Yeah. And the town of Santa Cruz has now deputized the administrators of the club, as members of the city, you know that they represent the city and if the Feds want to mess with them, they're going to be messing with the city as well. People are standing tall for what they believe in these drug warriors, despite the fact last week, maybe 10 days ago, the RAND report came out saying marijuana is not addicting. And Walters as recently as yesterday, was crying about how it was such an addicting drug and so forth. They refused to accept the fact. I don't know. It's just irritating at times that I talked about the critical mass, what will it take? How many of us will need to stand up before the scales will tip and when we've got judges when we've got congressmen when you know, you can go down the list doctors lawyers, pharmacologist and and yet these one or two people can stand up and say, for the children, and yet once these children turned 17 They want to arrest him, they want to throw him into prison. Absolutely. And, and maintain their Jihad and their paychecks. And that's what we have to stop folks.

 Jimmy Carper 24:13

Okay, so you're on for 20 every day now?

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Yeah, unless he's got a guest and it might be 520. But it's every afternoon so

 Jimmy Carper 24:20

it works. Yeah. Okay. And, and, and you're on Friday nights, which Friday nights,



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it will be the 27th will be my next show. Okay. And I will have as my guest, Mark step nightsky, former senator for the Dallas Cowboys, who is now the president of Texas normal.



Jimmy Carper 24:38

Hey, all right. So that means that you're doing the second and fourth Fridays second



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and fourth and praying for a weekly primetime. Okay.



Jimmy Carper 24:47

Gotcha. Dean, thanks for calling in with this week's edition of cultural baggage on after hours. Thank



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you, Jimmy. I appreciate it. You



Jimmy Carper 24:55

bet. Yeah, take care. Bye. Bye. Bye. Okay, That's our weekly shot at medical marijuana news from the only heterosexual that's on after hours. And I've not been I've been bad because I forgot to tell you what the music was that I opened with way back at one o'clock. That was Chris Williamson with her story of moonlight Ranch, which I thought was very, very touching. And then after that she sang the Christmas song. And after that we had the Gulf Coast. We have the Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles, doing Joy to the world. And of course, right before Dean we had Eunice on, which is the Windy City lesbian and gay singers doing Santa Claus is coming to town are a great 50 vert version of that. We've got more Christmas music coming up. I saw that Francisco Sanchez is here so he'll be coming coming in in just a couple of minutes. But until then, let's go with Syd Spencer with I love the way he does this song. You're gonna like it too. The lake great Sid Spencer with I believe in Santa Claus from his family ties Christmas album, and you're listening to it on after hours Queer radio with that attitude on KPFT Houston and ke o s College Station. And I sure hope Vanessa is listening to us in her car. Because I forgot to mention something. And I think it was because the the Texas triangle came out so late this week. I couldn't find it anywhere. And I just found this tonight is for one thing. Vanessa Edwards-Foster has been named they had the Community Awards. Oh, the best. And Vanessa Edwards-Foster is named the best GLBT role model. Yeah. Which is which is just a terrific honor.



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I live in SS Yes. Isn't she? She



Jimmy Carper 27:18

is she really is and if I would have to pat our own backs here KPFT has been voted the most gay friendly radio station. Yay Of course it's the only radio



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winner by default Well, you know we would hope we would wait



Jimmy Carper 27:40

for is very gay friendly. You know and several of the other radio stations. There's what two or three radio stations now that that are that are in the Pride Parade. Yeah, run our promos and stuff like that. So I just really exciting to hear yes, yes, it is. It is. Hello, Francisco. How are you? I'm just great. How are you doing? All right. Well, so far so good. Except for the gold and the voice.



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I understand. I was dealing with that last week. Yeah. So



Jimmy Carper 28:13

I plan on letting you and your minions talk.



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We have Roy and hunter with us today. Yes. So enrolling actually hit before we get started some interesting news about



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we have Bobby To



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those of you can see me through the monitor.



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Pay no attention to a little man behind the curtain.



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i Hey, what do you call it?



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There's a gay cowboy in town out there. That should surprise anyone that goes to the BRB. But



Jimmy Carper 28:48

Mandy which game cowboy is this?



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Going to love?



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He looked like a hottie I saw a picture where what's his name? Rawhide, kid. The rawhide kid.



Roy 29:00

Kid.



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Tell me about the Rawhide Kid.



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Here is huge. That was what Bobby said. I don't know. That's



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funny That's cute He's a well he was originally introduced as a character back in the back in

family. That's later. He's a well, he was originally introduced as a character back in the back in the 1950s. And he wasn't gay then. He was just



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thinking about it. He was experimenting.



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He was he was a little shy with the ladies and stuff like that.



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Very knowledgeable of the sheep.



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You know, you know where the shoot you know, men are men in the sheep are scared. Yeah, anyhow. Oh, that's a&m that



Roy 29:53

was in Australia.



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That's a whole nother subject. Anyhow They apparently, you know, since I have the connection to comics that I do, yes, apparently, Roy thought this was an appropriate thing for me to bring up. Yeah, apparently they're going to make it so that this character actually, they they explain his shyness with the ladies and everything by actually making him come out of the closet. And he's going yeah, he's going to, we're going to have a gay cowboy hero. Now, the only thing that makes us different. Um, the thing that gets me about this, is that according to this story that I'm looking at, he is the first openly gay title character of a comic book. You yes and no. Because they also go on to mention in here, the character of North Star, who was originally in a comic book called Alpha Flight. But North Star ended up having his own book for a while. And every book had a cover of every cover was him in a different pose. He had this lovely black leotard costume thing with a little snow flaky soda, Jack Frost thing happening, you know, and all this. And one day he came out of the closet. Oh, yes. So we have that one. And we have but we also have in a, there's a bunch of like the authority. There are two, the two of the heroes and that one are not only gay, but there are a couple. Apollo and midnighiter Oh, they're the Apollo is a, hence the name. His powers are basically powered by the sun. And yeah, he can put a real shine on anyhow. He's. Anyhow, he's now you know. Now they make such they're making

such a big deal as I actually saw on TV the other nights. They were going saw crossfire or something was going one of those shows was going to discuss the appropriateness of having a gay comic book character. Um, like



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he gently is leave



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it to the political folks. Yeah, so missed the boat. Because guess what, there have already been gay comics. Of course.



Jimmy Carper 32:42

Of course, many men, so I'm suddenly started out that way. Like the desert peach. Yeah,



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we had a whole bunch of those at the store for a while. That was funny. Yeah, that was some funny stuff. That



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was that was Ramos. gay brother. No,



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exactly. Rommels gay brother.



Roy 33:02

I'd heard a rumor. No. I had heard I have no way of knowing this is back. But somebody had told me once that Robin from Batman and Robin had, quote, come out. Okay,



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who confirms gay cartoon characters? You go and like?



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Yeah. Well, hi, Hunter. Welcome back. Hello. Jump in here.



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Okay. Well, I'm just for our audience. For our audience. There's two sides of the studio, Jimmy and Bobby another side and me Roy and Hunter on this side. And we're so where are we here? We weren't actually listing off on paper, gay comic books. We were assuming you're gonna use him in mainstream and not.



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was in the comic bookstore the other day? Yes, I was. Yes. He definitely raised the cute quotient in the store by a couple of 1000 points. It was fabulous.



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Say nothing to temperature.



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That that's a whole nother subject. Well, anyhow.



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But yeah, so apparently he's a major comic book fan. Oh, not



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major, but there's certain series that I follow Wonder Woman. No, not really. As much as I love her. No.



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It's it's it's those bracelets




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you don't even know I thought was hot. Speed Racer. Oh, yes. I thought he was a hottie.





Rev 34.10


 Roy 34:19
I thought so too. Big

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Brother. Racer X was kind of like, little daddy type. But yeah, I thought I thought I thought Speed Racer was hot. And my friends laugh at me because they seriously I think he's hot.

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Oh, just a passing fancy.

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I've had a crush on speed races. And that was about six or seven. Yeah. Oh, Trixie, girl. We'll get out of the way now.

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They just started a brand new series of books based on the whole the old battle of the planets cartoon. Now the this was a cartoon where all of the characters were leotards and they were all and they all They were very tight fitting costumes. Of course, it was early anime type stuff, Japanese animation. So all of these guys are really cute. And everything and really well put together and trust me, I've seen the action figures based on this. There is absolutely no doubt looking at the character, the the action figures that these are boys. So

 Roy 35:25
I'm gonna say some I know that the gay people that I used to hang around with when I was much, much younger, you know, going back into ancient history here. The comic books was, before we could ever get into erotica, or before we discovered the Sears catalog, the comic book, the guys and leotards, you know, was our gay erotica from very ancient days, you know,

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I got international mail

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those characters from I

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don't think anyone actually orders from the Picture



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Company people can buy gold LeMay really shirts. But because on there are four pimps that's all there for



Roy 36:21

the White Widow international annual sale we hear the Astrodome



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that just so sad.



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There was a comic, there was a comic book character called Astro Boy I think he was he wore pink tights. Okay, and white tights.



Jimmy Carper 36:42

Oh, that note? Okay, is that I need to get it to the next segment here. And you're listening to it on after hours Queer radio with attitude on KPFT Houston and ke o s College Station and



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he's going to try and keep his voice No.



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Shut up for the next hour.



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What do you find for the holiday? Right?



Roy 37:02

What are my plans for the holiday. Nothing really special just spending it with friends and eaten

What are my plans for the holiday? Nothing really special just spending it with friends and eating and presents and just having a good time. Sounds good. Nothing really, I mean, just the record stuff doesn't really make there was I'm not going anywhere.



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We got some interesting things coming up, we got added later on, we're going to every Christmas we do sort of a reading here from like, a book or two. And they come up with a new edition of last Christmas, which we read a couple of stories from last Christmas and the Christmas before, which gives people a nice little sort of cultural perspective on on some Christmases. And I was actually searching on planet out today. And they had some interesting Survival Guide tips on surviving the holidays, which is kind of interesting is and a lot of friends that are either going back to their families that don't want to or don't feel like going back to their families or their families don't want them back home for the holidays are just kind of interesting. I had my family is always more than welcome. Because sometimes I can, I can only deal with so much of my family. You



Roy 38:10

know, for one, I mean, one year, my mother wanted to come. And she wanted me to have the guy I was with



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who was living with me. There were a couple and she wanted him to leave for the two weeks that he was going to be here. You know, she wanted him to leave, you know, like, and of course, I wasn't going to put up with that. And then another year, I was told to that I could bring my friend you know, it's just I don't know, family is me and family and Christmas. Just don't pray. It just doesn't work. And just, I'm just it just doesn't happen. Well,



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I was always I always went home. My father went once I moved to Texas My father always sent brought me home for Christmas. But when me and my ex were together, my ex always stayed home. It was just me. And somehow in hindsight, that's really annoying to me that I would have to and nowadays since they're all gone now the I spent Christmas with friends family of choice. people here who are as much fam who are as much and more family to me than the people I'm related to.



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So I think last last Thanksgiving actually had entertained not this past Thanksgiving but last Thanksgiving my family sort of raided my house for Thanksgiving which is kind of interesting, but I had just moved in and they were all calling their relatives. Hang on, I'm having

Thanksgiving there, which was interesting that the gay thing wasn't an issue. But people had to bring their own chairs and I was just moving in and lord knows I can cook so they brought the turkey and vegetables. Now

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Roy 40:11

I will give you a secret, my secret recipe for making sure that they don't eat you out of house and home. Whether you're gay or straight, folks, listen to this. Make sure you have their favorite kind of soda. Because when they drink it, they will eat a lot less because that soda, all that Fizz, it just sort of swells up what they do have, it just sort of expands and they get that really stuck feeling. And they have they've eaten maybe a quarter what they would have. I learned that the hard way. I learned that trick the hard way of having my turkey get absolutely devoured right in front of my eyeballs and the bones be bleak. Why?

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There's an easier way to make sure you still have food in your cupboards if you know after the holidays, eat at somebody else's house. Nobody ever comes to my place for food. I live in inefficiency. It's not going to happen.

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On the planet out actually we visited at their website had a few things they suggest for people I guess people either that are trying to stay away from their family or or aren't gonna be with their family for the holidays. Once it gets to being movies, movies, movies, going out and seeing a movie. I think the last movie I saw was the James Bond movie Die Another Day, which is good. And I don't know what else is out. I think there's something that just came out last night Star Trek just came out.

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Yeah. And Lord of the Rings is next Wednesday. Yes, yeah,

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two towers.

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Roy 41:39

You know, I will say this, I do not want to even be anywhere near another one of It's a Wonderful Life. I mean, it's anything social sugar coated that if I see it one more time, I'm gonna go into diabetic shoppers. It couldn't



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be any worse than the year they showed it 37 times in the same season. Walgreens



Roy 41:59

has it going constantly. Because it got these It's A Wonderful Life ornaments and nativity type thing, you know, the little towns and stuff. And so now they're running. It's a Wonderful Life over and over, ad nauseam



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and it's not a movie but if you can go see AWS at taught to the hobby center there was



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no mention



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we have to mention you're listening to KPFT KPFT after our radio with attitude. Jimmy Carper stepped out of the room. That's why I'm doing it and ke O 's College Station and



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we're just glad you're listening.



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You did Okay, nevermind



Roy 42:47

Okay, see what's your plans?



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I am going to I have no idea I wanted to go out of town but I'm not sure what I'm doing. My I always do Midnight Mass every because every Christmas I do midnight mass with my best friend. And her boyfriend is tight long for the past couple years and I usually bring a friend along the Midnight Mass and St. Anne's



Roy 43:14

I think this would be the first year I'll actually have a chance and opportunity to do Midnight Mass.



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Where do you go? We find me going.



Roy 43:20

If I if I go it probably be sad because it's closer to me than anything else.



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Let us know if you're going we go every year. You have to get there at 1030 because the choir starts at 11 And yeah, seats are gone by



Roy 43:33

and 100 Watts honey gonna do probably sit



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at home and stare at the wall to work after work that day and the day after. So I'm not really I don't have any plans to go out of town or if whoever my friends are that stay in town or don't have any plans themselves we'll probably do something nothing special. So



Roy 43:54

unfortunately, I have not put up any Christmas decorations because I just to put the pop up you know, I could put it all up and look really nice but then I have to take it all you know it's easier just to go ahead. Get to give good rabbit and



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I got an effort to do that.



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I never ever decorate my apartment for Christmas

I never ever decorate my apartment for Christmas.



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So we actually tried you got to kind of like what do you call it little Christmas trees. We have like wireframe little wireframe trees and things. Two big red bows and reef. That's about it. Yeah. All right. Yeah. We didn't have anything last year so we're getting there. We're getting there. The second suggest from gay.com are planning out. Oops. Stay in touch visiting my family over the holidays. I guess it maintain some sort of semblance of normal life, talk to your friends. Third makeup You're on traditions, whether you spend it with your family of choice, your partner, or anything like that. People shouldn't feel awkward about not spending traditional holidays. During Christmas, if you keep a trip, keep it short. Even some of the best family relationships, as we all know, can turn a little bit tense after a few. A few days of being stuck in a house was when folks



Roy 45:23

I'll say there's this old saying that, you know, friends that come from visit friends and like, after three days after three days that begin to stink,



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and they all have kids and they run around and they're yelling, and they're screaming and they're picking eat your food and they're opening your gifts. And yeah,



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speaking I'm not actually spending Christmas Day with anybody I'm, I'm spending I am supposed to have a fabulous you dinner. Three days, three days before Christmas. To do the usual thing, a very pagan way to go about things. So it's it should be fabulous



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to make sure we cover all religions.



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Because, ya know, funny enough, they all have holidays in within it within a month's time of this time of year.



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Ramadan ended last week. Yes, yeah. When is Kwanzaa?



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Kwanzaa was Kwanzaa was last. I don't know. I give me the line. I think it was last week, because we're like, again last week or something like that. And I'm not Jewish,



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constantly.



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We're just getting into surely in the back office.



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Well, we're just full of insightful things as much



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as think, I guess, chair.



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Wow, yeah, you're not doing any worse than he usually does. Love you, Jeremy.



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I guess the last thing you just said I planted out to take care of yourself, I think one of the things that come out comes up for the holidays. And sort of a recurring theme that I keep kept counting on some of the websites was depression. And people can sort of get depressed over the holidays, whether you've got family or not, are more than more friends, and you know what to do with the holidays and to do that to folks. So Toby, pretty call on your friends or professional help, or just find some sort of help for that,



Roy 47:47

you know, taking time for yourself, that is very important, important to treat yourself. You know, this is good, too, as good a time as any, to go ahead, you know, say that, you know, in spite of everything I did pretty darn good. This past year, I'm going to treat myself I'm going to find myself something or do something special for yourself. Because a lot of times people

spend so much time and energy and effort on others, that they just totally forget about themselves. And similarly, you wind up feeling kind of depressed about that is good for your own psyche, and mental health to take the time and treat yourself,



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I don't understand that. To some extent, if you don't take care of yourself. There's no way you really can take care of other people, right? I mean, you have to be able to be somewhere good inside yourself, to be able to deal with other people's



Roy 48:42

and you had to feel that you deserve it.



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And you have Yeah, have to love yourself first.



Roy 48:47

And by treating yourself giving yourself the fuel, to be able to give again. You gotta give to yourself, even



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if it's just the time to relax and kick back and not worry about things. Correct.



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But people kind of taught that you're not supposed to think about yourself. You know, it's all about, it's all supposed to be about other people, you know, taking, you know doing for other people buying gifts for other people cooking for other people. No, I'm sorry, but I don't I don't see it that way. I think you. You must be in there somewhere yourself before you can do it for other people.



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And some good advice. We're gonna take a little musical break, and then we're gonna come back with a little 10 minute story that I'll be reading from last week's message edited by Raul de Santiago. And we had some good stories from their last from last Christmas as edition. This Christmas edition has a good story we're going to read from a little 10 minute story. Again, that book is from Latino authors that share their personal experiences for Chris from Christmas. may take a little musical break and we'll be back with that and you're listening to KPFT All right,



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let's see if I can do this



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after I bet again,



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I'm on target with no mic to begin Steven. Yeah, that will carry on.



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Do Geminis over there having to teach Steven what buttons to push.



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Now I can turn him back down to the red line. Oh, that was a really festive.



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That was that was a roll de Blasio that was not not without tropical medley. He's a great pianist from Argentina. Yes. And there's a bunch of stuff on that album. It's really nice. keeps us awake at 320 and it does need something while we're



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what Stephen? Before



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Stephen changes that New Year's Day. I don't know what else is



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a Jewish holiday.



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In the morning, you can actually loosen your tie.



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Stephens all dressed up over there. Yeah,



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we had a Christmas party, Texas Restaurant Association. Christmas party this evening.



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fun fun fun. What was that? That was good. Some good food.



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Oh, God, like you wouldn't believe



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Ruth's Chris boys a damn good go.



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On. There was 14 of us. Richmond one. Yes. Yeah, Richmond and just passed. Chimney Rock actually. Yeah, there was 14 of us and the bill before drinks was \$1,500. So yeah, we owe about \$2,000. Oh, that's more money than that. But that steak just like fell apart at the side of a fork.



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That's like, that's Chris.



Roy 51:46

I can't advertisement.



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That's all good stuff.

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Roy 51:53

Very good stuff. Very good stuff. Wow. Yeah, I'm getting hungry. Now. Let's go back.



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That was it five.



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That was real de Blasio would not be that tropical medley, which is really good. And speaking of making traditions, this is I think, every Christmas here, or at least those who didn't binge on the Latino segment, we do a reading from last Christmas, which is, this is the third edition, which is a collection of Latino authors that write a little bit of their holiday memories. And this one edition was edited by Esmeralda Santiago, who's who's put these together. And Joe David Tao. The one we're gonna read this year is called oranges and the Christmas dog, which is by Carrie Soto who's from Fresno, California. And we go over that, and then we'll pull to touch base on some of the other stuff that we have already on our agenda. But this is a good little story. And we try to pick some of the shorter ones because it's advisory reading for hours here. Oranges and the skin, the Christmas dog. For the children. Christmas means the arrival of gifts at the age of 10 and sloppy and sloppy clothes and Miss shape and clown shoes. I wanted my share. I was greedy for something anything. Even the oranges even the oranges and mice and pens, my stepfather's mother passed into our arms. My brothers and I couldn't have hopped the fence and gotten free oranges from our neighbors. But I figured why make a face about an unexpected gift. Especially since my stepfather drunken in his recliner. His head hovering over a TV tray slumped with Dead Presidents would bellowed out our ungratefulness children expect gifts and a baby Jesus shows up that's fine too. As a Catholic fourth grader at St. John's Elementary School, worried for the poor and the children of Biafra. I wanted Baby Jesus to be born, swaddled sung to adored celebrated all that. But then, and I'm sorry to say this, I just wanted to get my presence. That year I ruined the expectation of Christmas by tearing tiny holes into the wrapping of my three gifts. With the roving eye of a surgeon examining stomach cuts, I probed into the bright wrapping in the box there was a jigsaw puzzle and another sweater and the third a rifle. I could see that only the rifle didn't caulk the way the more expensive toy rifles do. The kind of rich kids would get. Mine was just the length of hard plastic to the point to point out my brother Johnny or my little brother Jimmy, or even at my own head and sputtering to your dead. My older brother Rick was outside trying to kill time until Christmas, which was two days away. A slow drip of minutes like a leaky faucet. He had to do something to keep his mind off his presence. I know what I got. I told Rick as I walked toward him on the frost hard lawn in in fog shouted Fresno, the neighborhood of ancient houses was dead. Only kids are really dumb people would venture into that chilling scene. Maybe we were both up Tom. He said he was eating free oranges from the neighbor's house. He knew that I was that I had wrecked my happiness. Now I would have to wait an entire year until next Christmas before the overwhelming yearning for presents possessed me again. I got a rifle. I mumbled. I picked it out. Rick said, You're lying. It's a green rifle. The final slice of his orange went into his mouth. Then I thought that maybe this mean brother of mine did pick it out, and it chosen a cheap one so that mom could buy him better presents. I felt I felt as angry as a ferret.

My breath shaped into a FIST in front of my face. But before I could act on my anger, my neighbor shamefully underfed dog walked over. His fur was like the dirty carpet and an overturned chair. Without a collar or a tiny chime of dog tags the dog appeared naked, his ribs clearly showed. Watch this, Rick pulled an orange from his jacket and clawed it, he peeled off a slice and fed it to the dog. He likes them he said, The dog closed his mouth around the orange slice letting the rest there for a moment, as his furry chin began to turn a trail of juice leak from his mouth. Poor dog. I thought he's really hungry. I took the orange from Rick and dug my fingers into it, then held out a piece. The dog took a step on the frosty lawn. I wondered if his paws were too cold without any shoes. Once I had walked barefoot from the house to the car to get a comic book, those 30 or so steps hurt. I could imagine having to walk on frost all winter. Rick left and the dog raised his watery eyes to mine. A growl issued from the cave of his lungs. Don't go away. I told them. I dashed into the house and threw open the refrigerator wasn't a starving dog in an emergency. I pulled open the meat drawer and I the Bologna. My stepped foot my stepfather's precious lunch. I carefully peeled off a single slice, set it on a piece of bread and covered it with a second piece. But in my hand the sandwich lacked the weight that might fill a starving dog's ribs. Again, I scan the meat drawer a chunk of hard yellow cheese. I broke the cheese into crumbs and sprinkled it on the sandwich. I considered Spanky spanking the bread with mayonnaise, then reconsidered and hurried outside. Hey, I called the dog had walked partway up the street. He turned his head slowly then his body and sat down pause together. I hurried to him. You need to eat I told him I shoved the sandwich at his mouth. His nose Black is oil but dry is a leaf sucked in the smells. He sniffed then took a small bite. I figured he was so hungry. So tired that he would eat it slowly. One little bite at a time. You're going to be okay I told him my hand rifling through his mattered for he finished a sandwich and I went back inside for milk. What could be better than milk to wash down wash down a sandwich? It took a while to find something other than a cereal bowl. It would it would bring on mom's wanted. It would bring on mom's wrath if she found out I was feeding a dog from our dishes. I returned with a soup. The soup can brimming with milk. I had to walk slowly, one careful step at a time. The frost crunching like bones over my shoes. Where are you? I called her the dog who had moved further down the street to miss Princess house. You liked the milk, don't you? I asked as I got closer. The dog didn't reply with a bark. He didn't appear in the first gear from the sandwich or relief that someone was concerned. I thought that maybe he would see me as a savior. Wasn't Christmas after all. He looked at me with watery eyes his sadness as ancient as ancient as the Nile. I poked the can under his nose. He sniffed its contents. I poured milk splashed by splash into my palm and let my new friend quench his winter thirst until its snout was nearly drowned in milk. That's good, huh? The dog turned away, done with me fed, but maybe unsatisfied his lifeless tail like a like a shoestring. I placed the can on the curb intending to pick it up later. But I heard a tap tap on a window. Mrs. Prince had parted her curtain and shook a finger at me. I waved and picked up the can and chased after the dog who lopped like a burrow with a slow chip club action of hubs. We stopped at the corner of Angus and Thomas. The streets were dead in the cold metal gray afternoon. The Sun would not reach us that day. Where did you want to go? I asked. The dog looked straight ahead. Then like a zombie. He crossed the street. I followed pressing him. Where are you going? Are you going to get you're going to get lost? I remember from somewhere a nature program like Wild Kingdom maybe that a sick elephant left the herd when it was when it was dying? I was scared.



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Was this dog pacing of distance from our block where he would finally roll on a side kick his paws into the air and die. You're in sick Are you? I stopped him by hugging him around his neck

warm his blankets. I looked him straight in the eye my own face appearing on the surface of his wet eyeballs. That scared me even more. I was suddenly part of this dog's life that picture on the windows of his soul. I knew that animals didn't have souls or non Stardust so, but I could see, however briefly then my presence had meaning for this dog. His tail began to wag I rubbed his back building on the heat of friction. I patted him and ran my hand over his head slendering his eyes Two more teardrops slipped away the picture of my face. Let's go back home. If I had been meaner, I would have cursed the owner of this dog, a family of renters who had shown up one day. They live two houses from us. And we're told to stay away from this three and we were told to stay away from the three sickly kids with broomstick bodies. My mother thought they might have TB. Come on, I begged the dog. Let's go back. I got another sandwich for you. I turned around and pushed and prodded him to return to our block, which had nearly disappeared in the fog had looked unfamiliar, like an altogether different town with different people, different cars, and the doors were flung open a whole set of kids I didn't know. I walked alongside the dog whose pace had quickened as if he were in a hurry. Had he been human, he might have looked at the watch on his wrist. He started to run not fast enough, but I but I threw the soup cans to the curb and broke into a jog. I couldn't worry about littering. You're going to get lost I yield. The dog cut erratically across lawns and into the street, heedless of the occasional cars sinister headlights frisking the leaf strewn Street. He slowed for a moment, then trotted up someone's lawn onto the porch. I didn't dare climb the steps. My mother always said to stay out of other people's yards. Advice I usually ignored on my block. But here in this strange place, I stayed on a sidewalk. I was cold. My nose was red and I jumped from one foot to foot. Come on, I whispered to the dog on the porch. He said only a brief moment and then climb down the steps and made his way to the backyard. He acted as if he belong there. The family pet instead of a straight, no, don't, don't go over there. I yield. The dog didn't look back. I thought he was I thought he was on his way to his grave, the place still to die down and fog. And when the fog cleared, he would be gone. I stood on the sidewalk, not sure what to do. A giant Sycamore drip of water on me. Cold worked into my bones. I rubbed my hands together gathering up heat waiting for him to reappear. As I stood there, I recalled how in second grade, I had asked my mom if there was a chance that one day I might become a saint. I just returned from St. John's Elementary, and I wanted more than anything to be holy by feeling for the poor who were so plentiful. I don't remember her answer. I figured he was my chance to approach sainthood. By chance to walk alongside the dog until it was time for him to die. I must have waited on the curb freezing for two hours. Finally, I ventured into the backyard. Whispering Come on, boy, come on. I raised my eyes to the windows. At any moment, a large man would come out yelling for me to go away. He would have a gun or a stick, or whack some sense into me. But then I discovered that not only was a dog gone, but no saint was I ready to give up. No saint because I was ready to give up so soon. I felt ashamed and mad. When I remember when I returned home the dog was back on his porch. He had cut through the yard leaving me standing in the cold. You're bad I scolded the dog. You didn't even seem to he didn't even seem to recognize me. He said among orange peels and ripped up newspaper. One of their broomstick kids came out. His skin was nearly transparent and his eyes were sunken. Leave my dog alone the kid said I did after I returned home stiff from the cold. After I stood over the floor. Furnace I wandered into the kitchen. It was 430 and dark outside. A few orange porch lights cut through the fog. The dark descended on us. Soon mom was working was home from work, followed by her stepfather who took his place in his recliner, and the TV coloring the walls. After dinner. Pearl Pearl showed up with a gift with gifts of pins and oranges. Christmas was two days away but we were allowed to open one present each pearl looked on a face heavily rused Smiling that we would and hoping that we would pay courage. And we did. I turned to that poorly wrapped present and smiled up at her for it wasn't Christmas time to be appreciative like like a dog. I dug my I dug my fingernails into the oranges there missed and said atomized at the moment. At the moment when I knew it was that I was no saint. I fit not one but five

slices into my mouth. I chewed churned the juicy pulp and swallowed for pearls such a happy woman and waited for me to clear my throat and say once again, thank you Pearl, these oranges were really good. And that was an interesting, almost interesting stories. I guess. In the book. There's about 20 of them in this Christmas edition. So we had the chance to read through some of those. Oops, that's pretty good. They actually got some recipes this time around. We got some recipes. Every between every story they've got some recipes and so if you can cook or want to try to cook check it out. I I still order out or just go to my house and pick up

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Roy 1:04:42

a whole lot easier doing it that way.

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Yes. Yeah. But it's not so much fun.

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I was actually typically Thanksgiving little model and they were advertising this year and I was thinking yeah, that sounds good.

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Roy 1:04:56

Oh, yeah, I meant to do it for Christmas. They do it And I don't know battlelands got cars on over to Galleria they got they got all this just fabulous French bread that just made so fresh and when you if you're there was just coming out of the oven I'm telling you it's just that

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in the French on youtube I like the fridge and see Oh,

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Roy 1:05:17

to die for to die for

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not to bust your bubble but Madeline's food is frozen. No.

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Roy 1:05:25

No at all.



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Yes, it is. It's frozen. It's frozen. It's made at a test kitchen in South Loop and flash frozen and shipped to all the restaurants. But



Roy 1:05:37

it comes out of their oven. So smelly and



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shiny. Oh, well. It is good food.



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Just like telling us there's no Santa Claus. Yeah, no.



Roy 1:05:51

Did you get in trouble in Houston for telling her her third grade kids that there was no Santa Claus. Everybody's getting in trouble.



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I learned when I was 11 that Santa Claus was an Irish redhead named mom.



Roy 1:06:11

Yeah, so not going there. Between between Steve and his Jewish Kwanzaa. And



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we're just Yeah. Interesting evening.



Roy 1:06:21

Welcome to a very interesting, I enjoyed it. It was oranges and the Christmas dog. You know, I was really getting visualizations with the whole thing as you were reading



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it. And some of the stories we had last year were actually very interesting.



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Growing up in my family, the oranges and I mean, the stockings hanging from never really was a big thing for me. And my last boyfriend this past Christmas. They went all out with the stocking stuffings, everything and I got to everybody got two oranges. And I'm like, What is with the orange? I don't know. See



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you never got we never got like stuck in my house. We had like if we had, we didn't really like do stockings. Look at it. We were looking at Christmas gifts. But if we had stockings, it was really cheap mesh ones that you buy like candy and other little plaid little mesh plastic thing? Yeah, she



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went all out. She made each one. I mean, myself or her son. My grandmother made



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all the stockings for us



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like, wow, my first boyfriend. It's like, when I press Christmas with him, like years and years and years and years ago. Yeah, his family totally went out his mother, like, made all the stockings, they all had their names. And it was all Yeah, I



Roy 1:07:43

know, that sounds



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like wow, people really do this.

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Roy 1:07:48

I know growing up as a kid, growing up as a kid in Manhattan, New York, Christmas is very special out there. I mean, what you're seeing on the television in the movies, it just doesn't even begin to compare with how spectacular it was. And still is, you know, seeing Macy's and Saks and Bloomingdale's and all these places that have these animated stuff in their store windows, and then the Central Park and, and the ice skating rink and the trees and the lights and everything is just really, it's really something my



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oldest brother used to take me into New York City every Christmas, to see the lights and the shops and the windows and all that and I still in my head all these years later, you know, I was 10 11 9 10 11 years old at the time. And in and I still have a visual in my head of I still have one of those windows stuck in my head forever.



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It's funny how you can remember something forever and just that one childhood memory just keeps with us. It's

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Roy 1:08:55

great because it makes such an impression on was



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the silliest thing in the world. There was a animated set of Victorian Christmas. And there's this balcony with two kids with a fishing pole. And at the end of that fishing pole is a to pay belonging to a guy under the fishing standing under the to pay. And it's this little fat guy with this like, and you know, you trust me it was a visual, and it's all of this was animated and it was just and I remember we used to go every year to see those windows and that was a really special part of Christmas for me.



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Now Saks is the one that has the they go all out with the animation or Windows through

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Roy 1:09:44

Houston and Bloomingdale's

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blooming. Okay, that's a good day life had



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the gimbal windows open,



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right? Had the curtain revealing of what, you know, Bloomingdale's did this You're on there and oh my gosh it's just incredible believable and they they said that they will start planning on it the day after Christmas yeah the day after Christmas they'll start planning on the next year's and I'm sure they've probably already got plans for but oh my Varese



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my very first lust on was for the Prometheus statue and in at the ice rink at Rockefeller



Roy 1:10:29

No no, I know we can laugh about that but if you haven't seen it you got to see



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sighs Queens I tell you well, you know it's always hard



Roy 1:10:46

there's just shaking his head



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and the Radio City magnificent Christmas Spectacular. Are all those rockets. The rockets doing the march of the wooden soldiers. That was cool.



Roy 1:11:03

But we know what I don't understand is how Good Morning America could have those poor girls out there in the Snow Bowl this past week. announcing their their Christmas star Shabbat they're



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getting paid for



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girls in those shows make enough money during the Christmas run, run so they don't have to work the rest of the year. Amen.



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All but they do. Have which Merlin and I were driving down Montrose today. And you mentioned to me how festive Montrose is?



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Yeah, I don't know what it is. But it seems to me a little bit



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more this



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year a little bit more lights than than normal than us. Yeah. I don't know if I mean, last year, it was all you know, everybody was still 911 Right? I think with everything that's happened this year all the bad news that's happened this year, you know, corporate this and you know, Wall Street that and this falling apart in that falling apart. It's almost as people are saying To hell with all of that we're still gonna celebrate. And you know, and lighting it all up. I'm seeing lights on houses where there weren't



Roy 1:12:18

Oh, yeah, that's tradition. Yeah,



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we're passing down there by the black Labrador and, and boy, they have it really, really nice. That courtyard area



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by black lab all done a beautiful way



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though. The white lights and so really,



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I was in DC this past weekend, and it was nice. There was actually snow on the ground and kind of felt like when you're going to



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see lights, you need to go to Mexico City. Oh,



Roy 1:12:45

yes. Yes. Mexico City as you can imagine. Beautiful.



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They start putting them up right after Halloween. That long. Wow. read a poem. It's incredible. Yes,



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we're similar. Another slight In the Heights was that it's like the



Roy 1:13:02


Heights was tonight. Tonight, the lights and the heights, but that all throughout the all throughout the different, you know, residential areas in Houston. A lot of the different communities have, like I'm thinking way out there in Galena Park. In the Fifth Ward area. There's some places there that had some really spectacular really beautiful areas so I can see Steve just not all galena parks Fifth Ward. No, no, no, no, I didn't say galena Park.





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But, you know, no, galena parks not because we're but out there in Galena park right? And out in Fifth Ward. These other areas. They do have some really magnificent

 **Roy** 1:13:48
light shows going on. There was a


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there was a thing on my mind as we're talking about this. We mentioned lights and the heights and let somebody I was very close to a guy I used to call my gay grandfather. Tom, the very last thing he took me to before he died in a house fire last year. Oh, was the lights and nights. The following day he died in a house fire. And it was the first time I'd ever been the lights and nights and never have I had never been there I'd never seen it was I mean one massive festival of lights and music and I am talking into the mic. Just because I'm looking at you does not mean I'm not talking into the mic.

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I keep turning it up.

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But anyhow, it was just and he was really important to me because he was the closest thing I ever had to having a real grandfather and having one who's just also happened to be gay was going to call Yeah. And you know, and we mentioned a little bit about you know, sometimes there's a lot of there's a little bit of sadness for for a lot of people connected with the holidays

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right because the lack of family lack of family and are unsupportive and fam Yeah, like, well, you can come but your boyfriend or husband can't and it's not a special friend. Right? Special. Right? And your

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roommate,

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your roommate, oh, my cousin up in Dallas. She's so lesbian she has a friend come up from college station once a week. Every on the weekends. She has a one bedroom apartment. Where does she stay? She I mean?

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Yeah



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I mean straight girls just don't drive every weekend to go see your friend that she just met in college. Wow,



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Neiman Marcus is up in Dallas and they may be a lot of sales going on to somewhere Hey,



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I've always thought



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Roy 1:16:08

lesbian. Has anybody seen the needless markups Neiman Marcus? Crazy wish book you know, the multimillion dollar pen and you know the guy who has everything they have those crazy stuff



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it seems like literally guys have everything just lost everything



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pass through that gallery



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to have everything No longer do



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I went through the gallery on Thursday





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the ones buying it on eBay now.


...and saying "oh my god"


 Roy 1:16:42
A lot of them are now getting a matching bracelet


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by Cricut to see a person


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per walk


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with a lovely silver chain connector

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ankle yes

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you never saw so many people who look so good and orange

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I passed to the Galleria and it was Wednesday Thursday during the day it was packet and funnel neck and spine

 Roy 1:17:19
I worked here I know I mean it was it was just totally insane

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I thought I was being smart they would be at work

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expeditions that's all it was to Island down to get into a parking spot



Roy 1:17:37

we can laugh about that but hunger is so



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we were I was going with their for dinner hair



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and their big earrings and their



Roy 1:17:48

cell phones going and they're not paying any attention at all to what's happening around them and



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talking on the cell phone trying to drive with their feet.



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We had we had three serious head ons today in there because uh people talking on cell phones and not paying attention going the wrong way speeding and gotten you know,



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and then you throw me in there my big butch lesbian truck and I scare everybody when I drive that thing to lay you



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kidding he gave somebody a corner tonight going around the corner. I thought that guy was gonna have



Roy 1:18:26

to make matters worse. You got you got you have me driving around there. Ford Escape. No.



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It's people like Stevens people. He's kind of tried to scare me when I was you weren't over read my card. I've just like, you know, like, recycled.



Roy 1:18:46

escaping my blue lights going.



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Just for general reference. Steven drives a land tank



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350 Crew Cab dually



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he drives a barge on wheels. Yes.



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stuck in the mud somewhere within steam just changed, so come get you



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the Ford Valdez.



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Somebody came up to me today and said that I was at Lobos and they said have you seen the new bumper sticker Jesus wouldn't drive this down like because of you know bad fuel economy and everything else I said No honey, I want the bumper sticker killing the earth one Phillip at a time



Roy 1:19:39

to talk about it. He had a Honda because he said he would talk about on his own account

to talk about it. He had a Honda because he said he wouldn't speak on his own accord



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that one or I'm not driving fast. I'm flying low.



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Work from I know several people who resemble that remark and that's it. That's scary to drive with those feet when



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you get 3000 pounds. Bumping 80 miles a hell of a stop. It



Roy 1:20:10

wasn't anywhere near the Galleria though. You can't be driving that fast. You'd be walking quicker than that traffic moves.



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Police. They're really really patrolling



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that area as you're going online and find all your stuff on the computer. Right? Okay, if you if you go down there on Crack Street and they're cone Avenue, if you can.



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It's a Wonderful Life in the time. It takes you to park at the gallery. Here. You doing good. Okay. I've been there. It's scary.



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I can watch TV while I'm Park.



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Going there



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in front of all those people trying to wash your windshield.



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Can they reach your windshield? Not the top. I can't reach a stepladder. Oh, I watched that monster two days ago, two or three hours. My dad



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does chicken feeding yourself with a dually. Yeah. Nice. They're



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interesting. That's really cool to get used to driving. Yeah,



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I drove it around the neighborhood. That's it. That's all I would drive it for. I can't wait to try and take part that are trying to take it on the freeway here. Yeah. And we actually measured my car and see if it was fit in the back of his



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back and I slowly increased the length of it by first. I walked right into that one. Yeah.



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The feet you got problem?



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Are you kidding? I used to joke that he could that he could actually hold the HATCH prom in.



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Oh, now I'm up to a crew cab truck. And I think I'm stopping it. This one will



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hold you. When your mother does finally get to do your wedding stuff. We'll hold the reception in your truck.



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Bigger than my first apartment.



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Staff they're bigger than my current department.



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Before we close up Do you have anything else you wanted to call us? Nine minutes left?



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I wish everyone a good Christmas and whatever do stay safe.



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They say and warm. Happy Holidays out there. Happy New Year.



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Happy New Year. Happy Kwanzaa Happy Hanukkah.



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As my father would say,



Roy 1:22:32

the holidays



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and all that good stuff.



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There you go.



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And we're up with a little music. I'm not sure what like y'all have queued in but regardless of whatever it is, it's good. It's either more the board



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so God knows when I'm gonna cue.



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The first two we have at least by Jose Feliciano. It would be no Christmas at all of you to listen to that. And Christmas are the your eyes with Gloria Estefan. Ooh,



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love, that's all great. And you're listening to kp CFT you can say that. Here you go. Here's



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one of those little screens. That's a little bouncing dot for Steve



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here's the music