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My attempt and 25,000 uses including gasoline. Alright, so you there is,



Jewel Gray 00:08

it is really a miracle plant.



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Yes. And literally, we think of what could we do with all those prisoners in prison guards are all the veterans that are guarding the prisoners, well, they could go back to the farm where they came from and did



Jewel Gray 00:24

all the work for us that we cut down every year for our paper in our furniture.



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in one year's time, you can replace what it took 20 years to grow with trees.



Jewel Gray 00:34

And that's what I keep telling people, you know, it's fastly renewable, you know, you can renew this, this crop every six months, you know, you could take years to grow a tree,



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you can make bricks, concrete, and all those stuff,



J Jewel Gray 00:47

farmers around this country could make the, you know, back at planting and back and growing and back making money, the little farms that have family farms,



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it's it's for the continuance of certain corporate profits.



J Jewel Gray 01:02

That's right, that's exactly what it is. We can't have this great product in our hands because it would replace other products that are, are sucking us dry.



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You know, the the premise that got it done was this continual. You know, every couple of months, I see where somebody discovered methamphetamine, it just happened to this town or that, you know, it's attacking the children here or there. And they come up with these words, ice and different phrases and words. And it really started back in about 1925. And they took the hemp plant that was growing out on the back 40. And they scared the people to death with this tale of a plant called marijuana. Demon weed out of Mexico was madness. Oh, yeah. And everybody said, Well, God, yes, let's get rid of that.



J Jewel Gray 01:50

There are still some places in this country in a ditch, you can find it grown wild,



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they spend \$67 million a year flying helicopters around this nation looking for that feral weed. They steal land from ladders, like they're attacking some.



J Jewel Gray 02:03

Now why aren't they investing that kind of energy and finding Osama bin Laden? I mean, why are they investing that kind of energy in finding this guy who killed 300? Americans?

 Chris Harrison 02:16

1000 1000. Sorry,

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yes. I've tried to find the answer to that.

 Jewel Gray 02:22

Absolutely no logic.

 Chris Harrison 02:24

Oh, well, Dina, it's me that night Do

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you got to wrap it up with it? Fair enough. Let me just state once again, the Tuesday night 630. My guests will be the Reverend Edwin C. Sanders a second. And it should be a really good show. And I hope you all will join us. And I appreciate the talk. And y'all have a great evening.

 Chris Harrison 02:45

All right, thank you, Dean Becker, who is the host of cultural baggage here on KPFT. And the 420 drug news. You'll hear it for 20. Monday through Saturday here on KPFT. And only

 Jewel Gray 02:56

on KPFT. When you get that kind of programming

 Chris Harrison 02:59

actually know the 420 News is actually is also syndicated out to several stations around the country. All right, originates here from Pacifica zone. KPFT. Cool. So he the 420 drug news that he does at 420 Every day is brought as several other stations picked it up around the country. almost a dozen of them

 Jewel Gray 03:21

now I was not aware of that. So well listen, I got I got Brittany here and I got rainbow here and I

want to hear one at least something from Brandon, what's going on in the world? Did you just come down and hang around with this? Are you

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for the two o'clock? Oh,

J Jewel Gray 03:39

HIV stuff she's saving. I will

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say this much. For those who heard about Dr. Sanders, he is awesome. I've heard him speak. I've had conversations with him. He's a wonderful, absolutely wonderful human being. He's one of the few preachers in this world who understands this community understands HIV and understands drugs and he's not afraid to talk about it. Not only wherever he is but also from his pulpit and that's amazing. Yeah, cool.

J Jewel Gray 04:13

Well, we're gonna let you save it for two o'clock and you had something I wanted to get before we were going to really did you remember what else I told you

R Rainbo de Clown 04:19

remember? I do remember okay you know I always on Lone Star activist. The yahoo group right? I always submit a rebrand for Lisa Ducati. Yeah, about this day engage. I used to do the history for you. And what I like to do is like I performed we will be talking about G cam is getting local flavor of what happened also in Houston on the certain days so i'll be trying to work

J Jewel Gray 04:48

and see that's why I prefer you doing because I just like just the facts, ma'am. Just the facts and you give the flavor. And I really like the flavor what I

R Rainbo de Clown 04:57

like to do what I what I've added to that He says, submissions is like a bio. And what I've decided to do instead of doing a general bio, if a person had a birthday that day, then you that I've researched the Google and try to find an appropriate bio that you like.

C Chris Harrison 05:19

That little way you ties try and tie a bunch of the things together at the very end of years.
Sometimes, it's kind of cute star

J Jewel Gray 05:26

activist group on the Yahoo. Groups. Yes. It doesn't take much to become a member.

C Chris Harrison 05:32

Yeah, you can get a daily digest, you can get it, read it off the web

J Jewel Gray 05:36

or get individually mails, I reread it off the web, I read it off the web, because I don't know why anybody does anything different.

R Rainbo de Clown 05:43

Because the reason I do it is because I get so much email. And a lot of it gets wake up bounced or some certain amount, if you have to get a full email, whatever.

J Jewel Gray 05:55

And when you bounce, you lose space, you lose. After a couple of bounces, they knock you out of

C Chris Harrison 06:01

joy, I like to actually get I should get LSA on to have my email accounts. And one of them's my, like for bedroom, my clean account. And the other one is my cue patrol account. And so everything that comes in on the queue patrol, one from Lone Star activist, it goes to its own folder. Oh, really. So it's already sorted for me. So I can look down and see where it's at. Cool, which helps that you can, one of the great little filter things you can put it in there.

R Rainbo de Clown 06:25

And really, I wish there would be more people who got involved with Lone Star activist, you just go to Yahoo groups for Lone Star.

J Jewel Gray 06:31

It's not the replacement for hand. That is what grew after hand. Right. Right. And you learn a

R Rainbo de Clown 06:37

lot. It's really a lot and the rest is always submitting. submitting something.

C Chris Harrison 06:42

I'm a news hawk.

J Jewel Gray 06:43

Did you live my space story the other day? More than the void between wishes.

C Chris Harrison 06:49

That's it. That's why once you go to space, yeah. I mean, he was not just that he was sitting at home, and he saw Martians with weapons of mass destruction. Oh, my God. And so that's why he's going to space because he knows Daffy Duck needs help beating Marvin the Martian. Yeah.

R Rainbo de Clown 07:06

That was something that was on the am radio station. Is that right?

J Jewel Gray 07:11

No, that's Washington Times.

R Rainbo de Clown 07:16

Washington Times yesterday on PBS, the O'Neill thing I put, put something in there about that. We're O'Neill on his last day of work, you know, the secret document right on 60 minutes. His last day of work. He says I would like to have all the documents that I'm entitled to, they gave me they gave him a CD ROM with a secret die they never looked at. So what is Bush looking for? Right? I mean, I don't understand why.

J Jewel Gray 07:39

Why did they jump on him in two minutes when they left this guy who exposed the CIA's wive
~~in months before they did anything about that is crazy. It's just don't get us started. Because?~~

IT'S JUST GOING TO GET US STARTED. BECAUSE:
Because is it Dion?

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Dion? Yes.

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Jewel Gray 07:55

Did I get that? Right? Yawns he's here. Hi. And what a cutie.

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Rainbo de Clown 08:00

Oh, one more thing. One more thing you remember a couple of weeks ago, a couple months ago I was saying some things about the post office. We got a raise and benefit and benefits are coming next month. So Jana he's making a man I'm making a man's a little bit we got we got like almost a \$4 Raise and oh that

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Jewel Gray 08:20

looks a lot better you dressing a lot better now.

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Rainbo de Clown 08:23

1374 an hour and \$2.02 of that 1374 An hour the first four years is supposed to go toward our health

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Jewel Gray 08:33

it's supposed to be so that you can get in

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Rainbo de Clown 08:37

benefits by our own benefits or go with the man powers thing. What they provide so it looks good on paper so far. And hear that

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Jewel Gray 08:47

he's not giving it a name. He says he wants to get sick

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Rainbo de Clown 08:50



Rainbo de Clown 08:52

before he's sure it's gonna take care of it. You may think I'm a doubting Thomas. But you know what, when I was with the Saudi rainbow, they promised all the time didn't mean they sent me from one temporary agency to another chip I went through so the chip they never had to hire you for five months you know? So I'll be looking at this and and I'll give a report later on but so far it looks good and and there's a new themes theme song it for us casuals at the postop Oh, we got a new attitude we got our ESP I bet



Jewel Gray 09:25

you guys are walking on air over there. Now when you see it going from absolutely nothing.



Rainbo de Clown 09:30

Well Really you see a different attitude? I bet everybody's so excited incentive and and that's what jobs are all



Jewel Gray 09:37

paychecks are supposed to have a incentive to do a good job.



Rainbo de Clown 09:41

He wants to do a good job. You know, and, and I understand in two weeks voices at work on KPFT nine o'clock on Tuesday is going to be talking about temporary employees. Oh, my no because I brought it up to their attention at the That little rally we had last month there was some rally downtown at the beginning of the building.



Jewel Gray 10:08

Once we were eating I know we're eating up her time so we're out of here I will see everybody to vote that's right PFT that's right get make sure you get your bound in and if you want any information, you go to the website and they have a sweat a little bio for everybody that's



Chris Harrison 10:25

running KPFT like kpft.org/elections or just click on the big ballot box on the forums I've already



Jewel Gray 10:31

been there already know who I'm voting for. And I'll see everybody the third week or next month that's right,



Chris Harrison 10:38

take care of things and don't run off because I gotta ask you something about March okay about MARSOC Okay, we are going to riff a little bit music in your ear and then we'll be back in a little bit



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Johnny fans



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typical Exquis legit fake face now and once the girl Give me a hug often at the next mesh show the show who she has kids living here as in second his own room and all of the mind Hank let things happen then which is the ham bros all he talks about face last Gossip Girl take number three he's gonna be latency since you all ever man gotta be but no silly boy says your fantasy. It's just a fantasy. It's a demand. Oh no silly boy. Isn't Japan is Japan to see oh no silly boy says to ban to see



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why can't you just that may be dangerous and that may be



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dangerous. causative falls up in the Old Navy if I was a frat boy probably almost very loudly quit to go down but it will not allow me to having girlfriends and make them look straight creepin in a friend's rundown was a way down to me to straight refer to just to hang out call it it's a stiff and uptight Nixon with a woman trying to change the subject you raise only into sports and fashion okay guys like they just never got done and call me every name in the book. Grab a six pack off Becky a chunky licking on your board excuse that was drawn



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Why can't you just that may be



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just let me be shot even if life danger was the Raggedy as those who've got no popsicle it goes back in the day then things are hard like you're trying to dislike them keep to the caller stand against the wall firstly looking at the face people on the map now Mr. Baca is about to get messy now to let you know whether comic danger roughly smells like commentary yes



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watch has tapered your teeth so jello is still up in your ear have been nothing but get rid of what I had some idiotic comments and you know what I'm not a big fan of the the way that you did it straight up a fan I understand the whole case do we as people just be habit who instead of judging others by caching the level of Chatty Cathy's cases and try to take it from the dawn of artificially aged average queen I don't have a 10 day average



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you can see



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acuities



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working that worked at download brothers for the big boys get Jocko work. Campers enjoy that lives downtown and sugar daddy get that West Coast Midwest people are getting all my family work that's all



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national average we see fit on shoe put should this show me. Why can't you just let me be like dangerously? Ain't your average can see don't you put your tell me why can't shoot just let me be sat even if live dangerously.



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KPFT elections are underway. candidates speak their piece every half hour. Here is one of the 62 candidates running for the KPFT Local Station Board.



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52% of the population is currently underrepresented. Women comprise more than half of the world and I would like the opportunity to represent them. My name is Liza Welch and the time is now to vote for a board that truly represents Houston. The Local Station Board needs strong,

intelligent women of all walks of life. I have four children work a full time job and had been married to my husband for 14 years. I'm a liberal pagan working for peace and unity. KPFT a sacred space helped me preserve this space for generations to come. Vote for Lisa Welch.



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To find out more about KPFT elections, visit the KPFT website@kpft.org.



c Chris Harrison 16:04

Don't forget the elections are coming up here for KPFT is Local Station Board. The music we played in the interim there, we started off with Mabel Don Davis with ain't misbehaving. And then we follow that up with new music. And that was Johnny dangerous with not your average. And that's some queer hip hop. We'd love to play more of him. But you know, we had a we had to get him to do a special run that one through a strainer for us to get what we could play. So we are going there we go. All right. And it is time now first of all, let me tell you you are listening to after hours queer radio with attitude. Here on Pacifica radio for the Gulf Coast. KPFT 90.1 FM, Houston 89.5 Galveston, and you can always click on the web at KPFT dot O R G. This is now we're getting ready for the black on black segment with Dion and guest and guests.



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Good morning. Good morning. We are missing an individual. So I want to go ahead and give him some shout outs tonight. Steven Jerome is out of town and won't be back until February. But he's here in spirit. Today, tonight. Good evening, whatever you want to call it. Whatever, whatever. My topic tonight is going to be living with HIV AIDS. I'm also featuring the music of Billie Holiday tonight. So as we as we get off into our topic a little bit, I'll interrupt and have some fabulous music by Billy tonight. Let my guests introduce themselves. We have a fabulous topic in which I one of the things I wanted to do was to kind of introduce some the topic with an advocate in the community and also an individual living with HIV AIDS. So I'll let them introduce themselves. Brenda



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said Good. Morning. Good morning. My name is Brenda Thomas, and I'm definitely an activist in the community. I'm a transgendered woman, 61 years old, leaving with full blown AIDS and my daytime job is working on HIV prevention.



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That's all right. Thank you. Thank you.



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My name is stowford Hastings. I'm the Executive Director for personal connections, healthcare services, HIV programs, and we're located in Austin, Texas. I have several years has been a case manager and HIV advocate.



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Mr. Hastings is a long way from home by the way, Austin, he's coming from Austin. So I truly want to say thank you. Thank you. Thank you for coming all this far as we as we started the topic of tonight, tell me what is it like both living and also working with the community? That risk community either one can start



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I read an interesting patient. First of all, let me tell you, I'm not African American. Okay, that's good, good. Token honky tonight



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we got everybody. No, Steven, what's the policy? Okay. Anyway.



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I read a very interesting and moving piece that a friend of mine had written the other day about the other side of age, okay. And, you know, we hear about the treatment and we hear about the sickness and we hear about our friends dying. But what you don't hear about Is the stigma of living with this disease. The fact that people treat you like you're used goods, people who meet you and find out, you have HIV don't want to have anything to do with you. You can't get a date. You can't I mean, it's just, there's so much there. And yeah, we deal with the sickness and we deal with everything else, and but mentally, emotionally. For those of us that have HIV, it's a real, bigger and much larger struggle than dealing with the medications and just dealing with the disease itself. So



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sure, I hear what you're saying, too, because when you're talking about just the emotional burden every night, every day, you know, friends and stigmas. You're right about that. You're right. So it's gotta be hard. Gotta be hard. What's it like working with,



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I think, as case managers, because preview is removing the ignorance about HIV, because there are so many barriers created out of ignorance. So for me, that is the hardest part of the job is getting people to realize that people are really people, regardless if it's HIV, or diabetes,

or heart attacks or whatever, there are still people that need to exist. And without having the proper education, and awareness about what HIV is really all about. It caused so many hindrance for people that are living with the disease.



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Stigma for the for the caregiver to write that's hard, right? Just think of, you know, someone who's, if it's a family member, if it's a partner, if it's a friend, they to go through that stigma of oh, you know, Oh, there they are, or looking at, you know, he's caring for she's caring for. It's a big, it's a big, big burden,



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right? Yes, it is.



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It is. And it's, you know, it's hard to believe that 25 years into this epidemic, people are still as ignorant around HIV as they are. It's just, I'm just flabbergasted that all this all this time. You know, you said, you're a wonder who the hell we've been preaching to, for 25 years. You know, who's that who's been out there for 25 years, Harun what we said,



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looks like no one,



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you know, and unfortunately, you know, in the support group that I'm in, I find people all the time who were newly diagnosed or recently diagnosed. And, you know, I have friends who are HIV positive, who have never known anyone who's died. And for them, I feel good, because they haven't. Okay, but also, I feel sad, because I haven't. I mean, you know, when I, the hundreds of people that I've known that have died, I wouldn't change knowing those people, for anything. The energy and determination for some of these people to live that are dying is absolutely amazing. To watch him fight for that last possible breath of air. Because nobody wants to let go. Yes. Right.



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Brenda, you mentioned that you have been diagnosed. How long has it been? And what was it like finding out?



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Can I say that word on their? Head depends on what word it was. word begins with an F but

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no, no, no, you can see that. I've already gotten in trouble because somebody said that while I was on watch,

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like I said at once before and caught hell for that too. But

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it was begins with an F and ends with a K.

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There you go. That's the one, you know, the one that has to do with intercourse, you know, but I had I knew something was wrong. And I went to my friendly doctor that I know really well. And he did. He ran all the tests and called me on the phone and said, you know, you're positive, which I knew what he's gonna say when he called me back. And yeah, that was first word out of my mouth was a four letter word. And it was not for Christmas. So, and then what my employer told me said, you know, my boss said, Go, take whatever time you need to do what you need to do. Okay, so, I had an employer who was understanding, understanding, of course, we worked in HIV prevention to so when it makes sense, okay. Yeah. And that was seven years ago, or seven and a half years ago. And it was in September when it happened. Okay, and emmalin better part of September. And

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within three weeks I was in the hospital dying from PCP pneumonia. So scary, absolutely scary. I was so weak. My doctor who I called and tried to get an appointment with my HIV doctor.

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He got me an appointment, call me back and said, Can you get in? I said, I think so well, three hours after my appointment was supposed to be he called me. He says, doctor said you had been in yet. And I said, Yeah, I'm too weak to get out of bed. And the next thing I know, I looked up and he was standing over my bed. And they just scooped me up in the blanket that I was laying on, carry me out, threw me in the car and carried me straight to Park Plaza hospital. And I was too weak to stand up to be weighed. They'd weigh me in a sling. And the doctors told me I probably would never see the sun the next morning. And fortunately, I did. Actually, I didn't. I was out for I'd see that night all the next day and part of the next morning. Okay, before I woke

up, it was like a full 36 hours later when I finally woke up. And it was hell. That's rough. It was and I had a very long discussion. I'm, you know, I'm not a overly religious person. But, and I don't believe in near death experiences, or never did before. Intel I had a very long, serious discussion with this huge, bright white light. I don't know how long it lasted because like I said, I was out. But we had a discussion. And it's really funny, because you have these discussions and you talk and you ask and everything else. But it's a one sided conversation. Right? You know, you don't hear anything back, but you get answers back. Absolutely. And the answer I got back was No, I was not gonna die. Not then. Okay. But there was a hell of a lot of work to do and I needed to get busy. Okay. All right, and my wife from then on and has been dedicated to events, HIV prevention and awareness.



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That's all right. That's all right. Now, you mentioned a couple of stages, you know, the sickly very sick stage or just coming to realization that you haven't stage and then, you know, as I look at you now, I'm gonna call it the healthy stage of HIV I rock. Okay,



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but I can't share that mounts to I have not a poster child, okay, for what to do. Okay. I mean, I don't take my meds like I'm supposed to. And I literally forget them. Okay. I mean, I just forget to take them. I'll get upstairs and go to bed as I didn't take my meds. I won't walk back downstairs to take up. Okay. Just go to sleep. I don't eat right. I don't exercise, right. I drink too much. I party too much. But I'm healthy. And I feel good. Okay. To me. Like I told my doctor, I said, if we don't digress, I'm real comfortable with where I'm at. Okay, because I do feel good. And I have some energy. And I can go to work every day when I know other people who can't go to work every day. Right? You know, so, right.



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Like I said, you know, when he talks about stage discovery, at what point Have you worked with individuals at various stages?



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Basically, you've seen them all following them all. Yeah, but the worst part for me was watching my brother except and then commit suicide. Yeah, boy to a CBO. That was already for minority. Okay, okay. Okay. So in an NS, he committed suicide because he didn't want to be like one of the people he saw on television, and that was like in the mid 80s. And of course, we only saw the worst of the worst. So he didn't he was misinformed. Okay, and so in return, he just killed us up. But I've seen all kinds of things. I've seen those that have helped these axes, that I've seen those that couldn't lift the stand up like so. And I would like to say those people that are on your medications, do not get off your medications, but that dread doctor because you're



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feeling good, don't do

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it don't do what I do. That the poster child

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if you're doing that you're running the chances of becoming multi resemblance to your medication, which means you can set yourself back from the progress that you've already made. So if you feel if though, you need to stop taking your meds for whatever reason, consult your doctor before you do that absolutely.

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Know what to do poorest people that you've been working with age range.

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The youngest was six years old. Mother father, was it drug users? They was both deceased and she was in the hospital at the time. The oldest, I have to say about 6060. At most,

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okay. And Brenda, you mentioned seven years ago, you know, that puts you in the 50 or higher range as far as being diagnosed with HIV. Tell me a little bit about what you say.

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I think I was 55 when I was diagnosed, but, you know, I probably had been running around with this disease for 10 years. Exactly, exactly. Okay. When I, when I was finally diagnosed, I was dying. Okay, okay, I was bad. I was one of those people who didn't get checked. And until it was almost almost too late, okay. And I am so forth. You know, I just so fortunate to be here. So, you know, and I've sat through you know, I've helped people hands while they're dying in hospital. I prayed that a good friend of mine would die. Every day I prayed for for two solid weeks. Because of the pain she was in, she was just miserable and, and I just, I sat by her, I stopped by omega house every single morning way to work and spent time with her stopped by every night on the way home and spent time with her and just prayed every time I walked in there that she would die, she would give it up and go and let it go. And there was something that she needed. And she didn't get that until the day she died. And I was there when what she was looking for came. And I feel very fortunate in the fact that she was a transsexual, and the one thing in this world she always wanted was her sister to acknowledge who she was okay, her sister never would do it. And the day she died, I was there that morning when the flowers

came. And I read her the note. And it said to my sister, Sophie, and her and then she'd signed it. I don't know if her sister sent those flowers, or somebody else sent him. But she heard that I left the hospital at about 930 quartered Ken. And at 1030. They called me to tell me she died. Okay, she heard what she needed to hear, and was able to let go from that standpoint on that it just, I mean, to see somebody like that, and nothing you can do. Absolutely. It kills you. And you know, those of us who have been around this disease for a long time, I've seen hundreds of people die. And I hate to say this, but I don't think people are gonna get the message again until they see hundreds die again. Because when that happened years ago, the message got out, and people got it. And there was a concentrated effort. But now, it's like, oh, well, just like diabeetus I just take my pills and rock and roll. You don't just take your pills and rock and roll. You get up in the morning and you feel like crap. And you hope you can get to the coffee pot before the diarrhea sets in. And maybe you get to work done. And maybe you don't because you got the upset stomach and this and that that thing. It's just everything that goes with it is just sort of managed not. Unfortunately, when people talk about it being a chronic treatable disease, they're full of crap. Oh,



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you speak of education? What are the trends of education? What do you think?



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Well, I think first of all, people have to open their minds. First of all and clear the midst of this is only a gay disease because any of us can contract this disease. And I would like to make a comment before I move from there. Specifically to the African American men, they're waiting too late to enter into the point of entry. In most cases, they have already developed full blown AIDS before they are seeing an actor and that's a very, very late stage to get into. But but to the education, my see pacifically we go out in streets. We also cater directly to individuals and their homes on one to one okay. And we try not to leave no stone unturned. We actually on February the seventh with this National Black aids and information awareness that we are hosting a gospel musical in the city of Austin, Texas and Senator Lloyd Doggett will be one of our keynote speakers. The governor of Texas, it's been said that he was going to also attend that event. So we're trying



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to get a picture.



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We're trying to take this from the White House to the back house to anybody's house that will lead us and it's right because HIV is so crucial. We cannot afford to wait and we cannot afford to allow the stigma in the barriers to continue to build themselves up in our community.



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We got to to minority communities which Talking about tonight, in which each of you can talk about both of both the communities? Brenda, what do you see in the transsexual community, in the transgender community in terms of HIV rates, prevention, education, you know, intervention, all those types of things? And then I'll ask you the same question though.

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The we, we did a needs assessment in Houston in November, December of last year. And this is going to shock you out of the people we interviewed 27% were HIV positive 27%. Wow, that is, to me is totally unacceptable. But part of the problem is, nobody has any programs geared specifically towards the transgender community, and the transgender community. You can't send them the same message you send men who have sex with men, because they don't identify as men who have sex with men. Absolutely. They may inject hormones, or silicone, but they don't inject a subject, they don't identify as injecting drug users. So you can't give them the same message there. You can try to. But there's a very big lack of available information in terms of how big the community is, what the actual radios, its transgender population is not tracked. So it's difficult to say, how many of those people out there really are positive? I mean, there's just so many barriers, that population is so hard to reach. Because generally, a lot of them don't even come out until night. Okay, okay. Okay. And they're on the street, and they're on the street, because they have to be on the street, not because they want to be on the street. You know, the HIV prevention or our community starts with giving people a job. Once they get a job, they can get away from the sex work and not have to worry about it. I mean, I see girls every day. And they that's the first thing out of their mouth is how can I get a job and get out of this rat race. And that's where it's got to start. But until somebody realizes that we have this huge population in Houston, and treat it and treat it the way they need to be treated.

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I say, Brenda, you're wearing a shirt that says Be nice to sex workers. That 27% Would you say the 27% of the individuals who you did a survey with? Were they sex workers,

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the bulk of more because that survey, we conducted it primarily in the bars in Vyvyan, ish, and cousins and DJs in 611, where the girls were known to hang out, and we stopped girls on the street and did the survey. But I did another survey on my own been doing it over a period of time and it comes out 18% Positive. Okay. And even at 18% These are people who are in support groups who are not in bars, and not hanging out in bars and not working the street. Okay. So it's a little different. But we've seen this trend, every place that there's been a needs assessment done, we've seen the the rate, anywhere from 15 20%, as high as 80% of the population survey that was positive. Okay. And it's, you know, that's just way too high. Right? Anything, but when you're forced to do sex work, because that's all you can do.

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Now, what do you see in the black community? Definitely.



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Let me speak to the city of Austin, because I'm more familiar with that. I would say on a scale of 10. Eight of the 10 are HIV positive. And out of those, this, maybe four of those eight, already developed full blown AIDS, okay. And I couldn't say they're just workers. They're basically anybody that we meet, okay. patrias. businessman, So, anybody that go get tested at the time that they get tested, they already assume that something is wrong with them. And if they're not HIV positive, they have some other type of sexually transmitted disease.



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Okay. Okay. Brenda speaks to the message and how the general messages that are out there does not apply to certain communities. Do you find that there are messages out there? That does not apply?



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Most definitely, most definitely. I feel that in the past, we was not culturally sensitive to the African American community. And the message that went over for the Anglos did not apply to the African Americans because there was such a barriers in between, however, in Austin, is a necessity that our planning councils and other community groups add more power People of color that are living with the disease, make these plans and create these new outreach avenues. So so so that we can reach our own people. Sure, what applies to you may not apply to me, right? My diet is totally different from your die. This is nothing again, no, I understand. But the message that once was created, it did not reach our people as a whole,



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right. And that goes the same for the transgender. Right? It's not there at all, you make some good points. And I,



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you know, the one thing I add to that is, if you have not been tested, get tested testing, find out early, don't find out like I did, where you wind up in a hospital within two weeks, that's not fun. Find out in advance, know your status. And do so



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just keep that status.



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If it's negative, keep it do whatever you need to do to keep it negative. And it's all about being safe, and being alive. That means putting an umbrella on everyday put the damn umbrella.



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In Austin, at one point, we motivated enough people to go get tested, but they never would go back to get the results. They just assumed that it was okay because the counselor did not tell them that Pacific moment that you are HIV positive. So they continue doing what they was doing. However, if they would have went back, they would have no found out that you were HIV positive.



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Going back to get your results. It's if you saw the statistics that I see daily, on the amount of people who get tested who never get results scary. I'm gonna get like 60% or I'm gonna get tested never go back to get results. That is crazy.



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And you know what, you mentioned that you're going out into the community? Do you also go back into the community as far as giving the results out? Or how can we how can we bridge that gap? What's going on there?



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Well, in our literature, we basically put this debt on the literature, okay. So if those people are not aware of what's that's all we break it down to you, a five year old can understand it, okay? Again, if they allow us to come into their homes, we will do a workshop right there in their home, okay, they don't, it doesn't matter if you're a teenage pregnant mother or old decrepit grandmother, right? We're going to give you the information. And if you allow us to continue to come, our follow up will be every two to three weeks. Okay.



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So it sounds like you're giving the client, the potential patient that you're trying to empower them. But how can you as a professional helping professional advocate bridging the gap from the like you said, 60%, that's not returning to pick up the results. What can we do there?



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The new with the new Orisha test sets out? Okay. Okay, good results. Now in 20 minutes,



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tell me a little bit more about that test.



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It's a very simple finger prick blood test, it's read in 20 minutes. The accuracy rate under the right conditions is like 95.96 percentage, very, very accurate test. And you can actually sit there and do some HIV education while they're waiting for their results. People don't have to come back in two weeks. When they lose interest, right or something of that nature, something like the Orisha is gonna be one of the things there's a CDC has a huge push on right now. In fact, they're mandating that virtually that community planning groups, and prevention efforts and everything else are geared towards the HIV positive individual, which is wonderful. They're talking about identifying as many people as they can that are HIV positive. The bad part about that is why wait Chiriac hasn't increased their funding any. So we're gonna have 10 times as many people trying to access care that already didn't have enough money to take care of the ones we got.



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Exactly. So what do you think bridging the gap? Well, I



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would say back to the OSHA test, my only concern about that is very accurate. Okay, my concern is the post and pre counseling. That's a big concern because most people fear HIV because a lack of knowledge, okay? Again, I'm not telling anyone not to be tested or emotionally. It's a good thing especially if you're not gonna go back to get your results. But my main concern is the counseling prior to after I know of a case where someone was diagnosed, and they were told nonprofessionally about their status and never showed up. Then the next thing we knew the person was in the state hospital, and he had infected many, many other people. So I think when we talk about edge killing, it's more than just sticking a piece of literature in their face. What about the the, the, the spiritual aspects of the account? Right, right. Right. And so it's a lot of components to educating people? Absolutely. Again, I must integrate that everybody needs to get tested and find out about their own results, okay, it makes it, you have to protect yourself as well.



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You know, and that's right, because I have a certain as an HIV positive person, I have a certain responsibility to myself, and to my spirituality, to inform you of my status, if something were to develop between you and I. But you have exactly the same responsibility to protect yourself, as I do to let you know what's going on.



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I want to go ahead, go ahead.

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We have a couple of females that just newly was diagnosed, and they was with the DL min, download man that was released from prison. They took those men's word for them, one of the people is infected and had a set of twins, and the other person is single. But the thing was, they didn't take the initiative to protect themselves to find out exactly who I'm dating. Oh, I'm sharing my body with an African American community is now it's no longer safe to just that is feeling good for the moment, right? Your moment may be a lifetime of agony. The two women that we're working with, one of them seemed to be suicidal, because of the lies that was placed up on her. But at the same time, she Oh herself, art should hold herself accountable for being responsible.

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Speak of responsibility, and that's important when we come back, definitely want to talk about the responsibility that falls on the helping professionals, the counselors and the caregivers of those living with HIV. For those of us who are interested in calling in some questions from comments, feel free to do so you can we can be reached at 713-526-5738 Once again, 5265738 Area code 713 I want to go ahead and interrupt a tad bit with a nice song by Billie Holiday. We'll give it a couple of seconds and we'll come back with some more information.

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Okay, and we also have to do so may election stuff so you'll hear that first and then we're going to put some music in your ear and you're listening to after hours queer radio with attitude on KPFT 90.1

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KPFT elections are underway candidates speak their piece every half hour.

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I am Susan young, a listener candidate for the KPFT board. My goal as a candidate and supporter is to protect and strengthen KPFT KPFT has been my lifeline through the turmoil of the 2000 elections. The 911 attacks the invasions of Afghanistan and Iraq and attacks on our own environment, parks, neighborhoods, civil liberties and economy. I have experience working in nonprofit management, public finance and city planning, serving on the boards of several arts and community organizations and being active in local political campaigns and in the cities for peace effort. I will seek to build audience financial stability and quality programming without compromising integrity, independence, diversity and focus. I respect the passion that KPFT

listeners and staff are bringing to this election if we can channel the energy generated through this process into building the station we will be unstoppable. I am Susan young and I ask for your vote.



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To find out more about KPFT elections visit the KPFT website is kpft.org.



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And we're back on after hours queer radio with attitude. Sorry about that. I went I pulled a blank on what I was supposed to do when the music ended.



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is two o'clock in the morning at



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the football game. Have another Margarita.



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Drink down



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That's my secret



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drink anymore on the air.



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Sorry, too much information. Welcome back. Welcome back. Once again, for those of us interested in calling in please feel free to do so. 713526738526 KPFT.



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We are here tonight Black on Black with Delaford Hastings all the way from Austin Texas And

WE ARE HERE TONIGHT. BACK ON BACK WITH DEDRIED HASTINGS ON THE WAY FROM AUSTIN, TEXAS. AND
Mrs. Brenda Thomas all the way here from Houston. Good wearing it bad. Thank you baby.
Again what talking about living with HIV AIDS and we were just kind of you know, talking about
some of the testing and the posting the pre counseling that's supposed to take place and
looking at the different minority communities that are being affected by a lack of education, so
to speak. Say a little bit more about working with the ages, different ages. Mr. Hastings? Oh,



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I think the the worst age to work with is that age between 18 to 24. That group. Right, they seem to feel as though they're invincible. Exactly. And, and most times, most of the people that we meet, they are already in fact, I think the hardest part, the hardest group for me to focus on are the children because they're so innocent in this fight. And the youngest person I've ever worked with was six year old. And basically, in this world, all alone, the mother and father were both already deceased, and the grandmother didn't have enough education in order to take the child in. So basically, she was placed into a foster care of this state. She is now deceased. Okay. But that's the hardest group for me to work with. I can imagine the other group is the older African American women, okay, who have been in one long term, long term relationship. Yeah, husband is deceased, or divorced, or whatever case, and they really enter into the dating scene, and unfortunately, become infected by the new partner. And those women seems to have a harder understanding. Because they think, Well, you know, this should not happen to me in my retirement, right. And it has happened in your retirement years. And most times, those women would not go get the counseling or the medical attention that they need, because they want to wait on a divine healing, especially those religious they want the divine healing to happen. And there's nothing wrong with that at all. Because God is good all the time. Right. He also gives us since and he also put this medical help here for us to utilize. So So and all three aspects. They all propose challenges. But the hardest one to really focus on or to keep motivated is the 18 to 25



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or 25. Okay, okay. That's hard. That's hard. When you look at the 50 Plus, that comes into the door for it for testing. Nine times out of 10 They're coming in was with other ailments. Yes. And it could be camouflaged by those ailments. Brenda, you, you came in at the 50 Plus, were you coming in for other reasons? Other health reasons?



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No, I went to my dad, I had been sick for two years. Okay, before I went and got tested, I mean, I gauge a lot of things by how food tastes to me, okay. Okay, and I can get sick and some food doesn't taste good. And I don't worry too much about it. When I got to the point where Coca Cola didn't taste good, I got nervous. always stays good. Okay. Okay. But he had been, when I looked back at eight, I had been sick for two years, probably sick with pneumonia. Because I had to, I was not, I could not get warm. I was cold all the time. I had flu symptoms all the time, I could shake them. Nothing worked. And, and finally, when I went to the doctor, it was I mean, I knew what the results were going to be, you know, but again, I want your private doctor. I got absolutely no counseling from that doctor whatsoever. And this doctor was a friend of mine. And I got my results over the telephone. Hello, yeah, you're positive quick. See you later, you

know, wow, in boom, which is nice. I mean, I always worked on HIV prevention, I was an HIV counselor. And you knew I could handle that he will say my hell was shocked. So one of the things that I did in this is it really surprised me because I want to see a very good friend of mine, who at that point was a case manager for one of the organizations in town. And I knew I didn't need a case manager, but I wanted to get myself registered. Okay, you know, in case something happened down the line, I didn't have to go hunt all this crap up. And David looked at me and says, you know, said for the first time in my life, talking to somebody that's HIV positive. He said, I have not a clue what you're going through. He said, I always thought I could handle this. He said, But, you know, you're a very close personal friend of mine or need this just destroyed me. Because I don't know what to say. I don't know what to do. And I damn sure I know what you're feeling. You know, and I'd never thought about that. Until he brought it up. You know? And then one day I remember in depending on what part of town you live in, where I lived at that point in time there, the drugstores didn't have a lot of HIV medication out in the burbs. Okay. So, needless to say, as I would get my meds refilled periodically, they were, they didn't have it in stock, and they'd have to get it. Well, one day, I kind of raised Hill. And the pharmacist got to me, she said, Look, I saw your medicines, and I know how you feel. And I looked at this lady, and I said, you'd have no freaking idea. How I feel? Well, you know, and we turned out to be good friends after that. But so, you know, be careful how you talk to somebody. You know, if you don't have this disease, you don't know how I feel. You might be able to imagine, somehow you think I feel but



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no clue. No clue. I



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mean, this is not you said the other side of it. Okay, the other side of the disease is difficult. But there are a lot of people when we look at those statistics nowadays, more and more people in the older bracket are getting it. And unfortunately, when I look at the history of this disease over the time period, it kind of reminds me of a clock. You know, when it was 12 o'clock, it was it's a gay male, white male disease. And that's your targeting? Well, guess what, when it got to three o'clock, it became a black male gate disease, you know, and then it got to four or five o'clock, and Oh, guess what, this is also a heterosexual disease. The money shifted every time the clock kick, okay, and the emphasis shifts everytime that caught kick. So now do we wait for it to become 12 o'clock again, we say, oh, it's an old person's disease. Why can't we look at the entire population of everybody, the older people, they African Americans, the Hispanics are transgendered though gay, white males to heterosexual white females or heterosexual black females. We'll look at it all but he is immune to this disease. Speaking



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of trends, what do you see in terms of trends?



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Well I agree with the trends. However, I disagree with the money going to the affected areas

Well, I agree with the areas. However, I disagree with the money going to the directed areas, much. In African American community, a lot of the African American men who we meet will not go to the CBOs that has been developed 1015 20 year history because community based organizations, they just wouldn't go because they didn't feel like they connected with them. Okay. And most in most cases, it was a black male sitting in front of a white female. Right, right, right, where they did not relate right. And it was not culturally sensitive. Exactly. And it like in my brother's case, he found out he was positive. And the caseworker told him he was not sick enough for the programs elected like that. sick enough to my brother man in the bed, nothing but bones and skin and he decided not to live that way. Has she told him about another agency that could meet his needs? Then he made would have be here today. But But again, the money has not went into the African American community like it should. Again, the SeaBIOS that has 1520 year history, they're in my city and Austin does a gridlock a control. My organization, personal connection is the only minority agency in that area, it is extremely difficult for us to be on the same playing ground. However, we're on the Planning Council. We're on the community access group. Okay. But when it comes down to the money we get



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tonight, okay. Are you finding that in the transgender community,



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and there's no money in the transgender community? None. The bulk of the money for HIV prevention in Houston is geared towards the African American population.



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Okay, so it depends on the state or the city I have. Yeah,



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this. The priority populations in Houston have always for the last couple of years have always been high on the African American males, females, whatever. Okay. Which is the first the last year the gay white males were not even within a priority population. Okay. This year, they're back yet. Okay. Because of the increases in exactly the community, which says



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a lot to the numbers that we're looking at. What are we looking at numbers wise in the black community and in the transgender community?



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Jobs a total population?



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I don't know. Okay, I was gonna say over the last maybe over the last couple of years, because if you look at the the amount of the appropriation for funds if you're saying the African American community gets a quite a bit here in Houston, but not in Austin, so what's the difference in terms of the statistics and both say



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what Houston looks at in terms of to identify priority populations is the epidemic itself. Okay? They look at the numbers of the actual people that are infected. And it's, it's a really involved process because they look at that the age reporting data, the HIV reporting data, look at the size of the population, so on and so forth. And there's no doubt that the African American population is in need adversely affected. So much more than the the Caucasian community is right now. And part of that, I think, in that, and again, I'm not African American, so I can't really say I know, but I think a lot of it is, like you said, there's, they're the last ones to go to the doctor. And by time they get there, you know, it's already full blown. Sometimes Sometimes it's too late to do anything. You know, we went around to the all the hospitals at Christmas time, and distributed teddy bears to the edge patients. I saw some people that just I saw one, and I've been around this disease for a long time. And I do this teddy bear thing every Christmas. And I saw one this year, I just I walked out of the, of his room and and and looked at Jeff and I said, You got to be the next one.



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I can't do it. Yeah, that's rough.



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I can't do it. It's Yes. I mean, I'm talking about people with arms, look at your little finger people on time, we will size of your little finger. That's what I was just skin hanging off. And I mean, it's just



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you know what it sounds like the helping professionals, the caregiver, not caregivers, I won't say that they help IT professionals, counselors have work to do in terms of relating to clients, patients who are living with this disease, we have work to do in terms of educating ourselves to be culturally sensitive to the needs. Do you find that a lot of minorities are out there being helping advocates for the community working in this community? Do you find that



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I can't speak to the city of Houston, but I can say that your your minority population is much,

much larger than the city of Austin. Okay. And in Austin, we do not have that many minority advocates. Okay, area, okay. So so the playing field for us is not very strong. However, the few that we do have, they do a very wonderful job as to spread the word. They're at the planning council meetings, they're having to go visit the sick when no one else will visit them. So in my area, we do what we can do. A lot of times it's off the clock, we're only doing it Okay. Okay.



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On our own time. Yes. That's where I'm at it. When I would am talking to girls and each bars all the time, and I do it on my time on my nickel, my dime. And I'm down there. But, you know, if we look at the Houston grantee planning group, HIV prevention community funded group and we're looking at Houston drained Planning Council, a very large number of African Americans on both, okay, okay. But the activism is coming from the gay white males. They're starting to get pissed again. They're starting to get angry, because EYDAP funding is running out. People are not getting their meds, because there's no money. And so that grassroots effort is coming back from the gay white male community. There are some people who are activists in the African American community. So some women I know, two, three men that I know but in terms of pure in your face, right activism, the old act now racked up, whatever very few, it didn't there. And, and I think, collectively, as a community of HIV infected people, we need to go back to act up and get mad and get angry and let people know that yeah, there's diseases still there. It doesn't go away. There's no cure for it. People are still dying from it. And we're pissed because there's no money.



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Okay. Okay. When we talk about, we mentioned who's given the care who's in your face, who's the activist 1998 study, or maybe article I read mentioned that most of the caregivers usually come from the friend level, or they come from the partner level. Most may also be men, as opposed to women. What do you think about that?



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I think that's pretty much true. Yeah. Before I got started as into the HIV work, I had a degree working in the lab. However, I had no association of what a person looked like that was HIV positive. All I saw was the blood. So, in return, I asked my supervisor if I could work on the floor. I was because I just want to see what they did like. So when I worked on the floors when I met the young lady, the six year old girl, okay, and just seeing her land at helpless, it pumped me and back to



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what's random, what Brenda



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was saying. Back to them. Once you actually see someone struggling for their breath, I don't see how you cannot, you cannot get active. In the month of December, I went to 18 funerals, wow, 18 funerals, and that's a lot of funerals for one month. And if that was just that one month that I attended, what happened through the whole year when I didn't attend? When I got started, it was basically because of that young child. Okay, okay. And I went back to school for case management. And I volunteered while I was going to school, and after I graduated, I became a case manager course. And that kind of brought in the door. But at that time, there was no minority programs for our agency. Sure. So we would see a large scale of Anglo men coming in. But we always want to wear a wire, the black man, where are they we know they're infected? Where are they? Sure? Well, well, they didn't relate to the CBO that we was at the charity based organization. So for number years, we try to get that CBO to develop minority programs. And they would not they only develop the program, once the CDC changed the funding stream and specifically had dollars for African American men. Okay, until then, they did not develop any minority programs in my area. Okay. And at that time, is when I started my agency, personal connections in 1997. Okay, we are the first and only minority program in the city of Austin. That does case management advocacy for people that are infected or affected by HIV and AIDS.



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Okay, okay. You know what in it and mentioned, you mentioned, a affected or infected, you work with the caregiver, that parents yes, that partner who may be not HIV, so and that helps, because that support system needs to be put in place to say a little bit more about the February 7 site. The dates



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are February 7 is National Black aids and Information Awareness Day. And basically, that is to make all of us aware that HIV is running rapid in the African American community. However, we're not leaving that any other community that day is to be recognized, just like World AIDS Day or the candlelight vigil, African Americans are among the highest groups infected by this disease. So there was a couple of senators from the southern regions, which was Jackson State concern black man in Philadelphia, the National Black leadership commission on AIDS, the National Black alcohol and addictions Council, they are joined together to say, look, we have to form a network so that people that are falling through the cracks can no longer fall through the cracks. So that's how this day basically came about. And each city, the lead agencies as the community CBOs, what are you gonna do, we can no longer to apply the old way. We can't put the old wine in new bottles anymore, if I can say that. So that's how that day this day came about. It's February 7. And in Austin, like I said, on February 6, we're having a reception at the State Capitol in the Lieutenant Governor's room. Okay. This the first time that's ever been happened, a minority CBO has never been invited into those private chambers. The focus of that reception is to heighten the awareness to our elected officials. So anyone that's from the Houston area that would like to attend on that day, just can I get my number, please,



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please, that was great. Come on, okay, and reach me



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at the office at 512-933-1186. Or you can reach me by email. And that's Delaford, d e l, F R E, D 202, at hotmail.com. And also, if you go to wwe.nmat.org, you can press on the state of Texas, and you can look up the city of Boston and you will also see information concerning our agency on the NMAP website. Also on February 7, our agency is also hosting a city wide musical, and that's the heightened awareness of our religious leaders. Okay,



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okay. We're doing some things, doing some things and I also think having radio shows that brings subjects to the forefront is also going to help to educate our communities. And also more so more so give insight and awareness to individuals out there no matter what community they're from. I'm gonna go ahead and close with I'm at least a small topic. We have Martin Luther King's birthday coming up on Monday. Houston has their parade downtown. I'm encouraging all to attend at least some function that's going on downtown starting at 10 o'clock that morning. We we could easily be reminded of the I Have a Dream speech, and which unfortunately, I was unable to find it. But as I wrap as I as I tried to summarize most of it, Martin Luther King in 1963, spoke in Washington, DC Lincoln Memorial, and his his speech spoke to freedom. It spoke to dismantling you know, the segregation spoke to equal rights. And one of the most profound statements I can remember him also saying is injustice to anyone anywhere is injustice to everyone, everywhere. I want to go ahead and close it out with Billie Holiday. That last one for me, Chris, I want to thank thanks, thank my guests. When the time is Salford Hastings you have a telephone number for Delphi you want to leave a phone number and Brenda hey



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can reach me at 713-794-9113 Our my email is Brenda dot Thomas at City of Houston. dotnet



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Thank you. Thank you that was a lot Yes,



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one thing I wanted to say is I'm I'm pretty sure I'm not 100% Sure, but I think you can download or you can purchase or download a copy order at least one of the Martin Luther King speeches from the Pacific archives. Oh great. Okay, if I remember correctly and I click on the right buttons here this will I



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can't believe you don't have a copy of it.



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hear I've got you can get Martin Luther King's America's chief moral dilemma. Martin Luther King at Santa Maria, Rita Martin Luther King Jr. and and Derrick Bell voices of Pacifica series and I thought I thought they may have had the the speech from the mall but apparently unless it somewhere else on this site here. I don't see that. Okay. Okay. That's at Pacific archive dot o RG. Great. Thank you. Thank you. So we're gonna thank you for joining us here tonight. We're done.



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We'll be back. He'll be back. You know, next next next month, we have another fabulous topic for Blackfish That's right. That's right.



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We're gonna go to we're gonna do the the election news thing and we're gonna close out with your Billie Holiday. Thank you. And you're listening to after hours queer radio with attitude on KPFT Houston. At 9.5 in Galveston. Oh,



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that was good.



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Okay, pft elections are underway, candidates speak their piece every half hour.



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My name is Nabil de becque. I'm a longtime listener and I'm seeking a seat on the board of KPFT. I'm running for this position because of the positive impact this station will have on our community. I intend to focus on the strengths of the station and not its weaknesses. This will unite our board, our listeners and our community KPFT his mission statement is simple yet profound. It is to educate, promote creative activities, facilitate understanding between all

individuals. Commit to peace and social justice and disseminate accurate information concerning our world and our community. It's now mandated to this morning, I will stay true to this mission statement. I am Nabil say back and I welcome your support.



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c Chris Harrison 1:13:57

That was Jeff crasner is 110 in the shade, and if you're in the studios right now, you'll know why I played that. Yes, it does feel hot in here. Yes. And it's not just because of our guests we have it it's time now for the world infamous and famous KPFT after hours roundtable backed by unpopular demand. Wow. Yes, we were all admiring Jimmy's pickled pecker candles. Yes, yes. Now who's going to confess to removing the silver coating from the one



B Bobby 1:14:30

go look at me. Look at me. This is the first time I've seen those candles. Yes



c Chris Harrison 1:14:34

saying you're like the tip and I'll explain one thing if you get a burning sensation from the tip of a penis like that you go seek medical assistance immediately claiming da you know, we're talking about flaming thing so of course, and it's Houston. So I'm going to give the full Spiel I found the flyer on the wall. Are you ready for some Football is not the lesbian segments gone I'll go kicking and dragging all day on Saturday January 31 Super Bowl x x x v i



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Wait a minute that's all those guys with the tight uniforms just a little bit padded aren't that Yeah,



c Chris Harrison 1:15:21

yeah, yeah that's that's where tight end and wide receiver is an acceptable term for a man. Yes. So only in Houston only. That's right we're getting the Super Bowl and KPFT after hours is going to be a part of the Super Bowl preliminaries. It is Joe goth row. From New York City a DJ is gonna be holding a party at Rich's 2401 San Jacinto. Tickets are available at m two M fashion. The event is produced by m two M entertainment incorporated and KPFT is the official media partner for this. There'll be a supernatural performance by circuit icon dynasty and Acrobat Arpad Ernst. So say that three times in a row. Acrobat are sorry,

 **Bobby** 1:16:18

twice in a row. What do you mean? Three times fast

 **Chris Harrison** 1:16:21

he's juggle throw has done several events throughout the country. And we're gonna be a part of that. It's the score spoiled boys buy after hours we'll be following at riches. So that will be on Saturday January 31. To get you in the game mood for Super Bowl. What was the 28 whatever it is we're having here in Houston. 3838 It's

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30 Yangdi super bone.

 **Chris Harrison** 1:16:49

When it comes to ancient languages, I try and forget the Roman ago right for the Greeks to appreciate if that's the person we want say hello to our MBBS we got one MBB letter in actually we got two of them.

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How'd you Miley? Yeah, Smiley

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is doing okay piece on radio restriction right now.

 **Chris Harrison** 1:17:09

So remember, he said before we cannot talk about his penis. So since he's not able to listen, we will be discussing his penis. We'll be discussing the nose on the smiley face. Apparently, he's finally gotten a picture of the group. We're doing this. Yes.

 **Bobby** 1:17:29

And he's still writing to us. That's pretty good.

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Yeah, um, didn't drop the pin. Well, let's

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Chris Harrison 1:17:34

see. Every one of you is smiling except for one. Me. Chris is either really pissed or really stoned. Well, now

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that asked that question in my last letter I received, which.

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Chris Harrison 1:17:52

That's just my normal expression. I have a normal expression of being looking past.

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Actually, I think you would come in and you'd been out partying just a little bit prior.

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Chris Harrison 1:18:01

There was that? Yeah, that was That's right. Because in between shots I was take picture shots, not shots of alcohol. I kept throwing Steven across the table and writing him like a cowboy. Yeah. Oh, that's right. That's it.

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Jewel Gray 1:18:16

Did you lasso anti hog time at the end?

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Chris Harrison 1:18:20

Well, let's put it this way. He would have been very disappointed. So I said no. Yeah, I may have had a few. But no, actually, a lot of people when they look at me when I'm taking them to clubs or all that they go what's wrong? You got this kiss look, and I think that was also after the time when I stopped smiling.

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Ah, yeah, that was shortly after you. Yeah, problem with your ex.

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Chris Harrison 1:18:45

Yeah, we're we stopped discussing. I can't call them demons. See what don't ask her. That was the name that

 **Bobby** 1:18:53

gets your own name for

 **Chris Harrison** 1:18:57

Jimmy looks happy. Merlin looks

 **Jewel Gray** 1:19:01

Merlin ish.

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Magic Special.

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Special now like

 **Chris Harrison** 1:19:08

overheard someone say is that is that Shortbus special or special? smartest kid on the show.

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Isn't that special?

 **Chris Harrison** 1:19:16

Joseph looks sweet. David you look fun. I guess that's all they had the other parts they're gonna be without us for six more. six more weeks.

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He said for Joseph and the letter I got from him. There was only one word that described him yummy. And then he said it three times in the same letter. Yum. Yummy, yummy.

 Chris Harrison 1:19:43

So I guess that means I don't get my and he wasn't talking about his snake either. So in other words, I've been dumped for Joseph that means I'm not going to get the fooling around in the hot tub with Viagra and hot fudge sundaes.

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I guess not bastard

 Chris Harrison 1:19:58

or making a pizza. Oh,

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Again, we're making leftovers or make

 Chris Harrison 1:20:05

I've had leftovers and we were I promised to be good. I promise to be good. I

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promise not to bring that subject up again.

 Chris Harrison 1:20:15

If people make it so difficult for me are we talking puppies in this room every subject up?

 Bobby 1:20:21

Are we enabling your bitterness?

 Chris Harrison 1:20:24

Oh honey, if I was any more bitter British people would be pouring me in a drink Martini. I am just I am just a dash of bitters. Okay. Let's see. Talk a little bit about Stacey but not much about Stacey because Stacy won't right and again none of us right except pizza boy here. He likes

pizza. He owned a pizza parlor.



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He calls me Mr. Ambiguous now.



c Chris Harrison 1:20:56

ambiguously gay radio that



B Bobby 1:20:59

your Mr. Ambiguous?



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Yeah, he's nevermind.



c Chris Harrison 1:21:05

I'm sorry. Domino's has also Oh, you're no the pizza fantasy he had with me is still here. But you're in it now. Don't ask me it's your route. Robert. You like pizza when he owned a pizza parlor? That was his own school for some reason. You're you're in on my Christian pizza fantasy. Chris pizzas special.



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How did they invade that one?



c Chris Harrison 1:21:31

I don't know. For those of you don't recall. That's supposedly his first offer was to be fooling around while making a pizza. Where does the cheese go? I don't know. But it look I'll get a 12 inch Italian anyway, I can.



B Bobby 1:21:47

Shirt knows where the pepperonis go.



c Chris Harrison 1:21:49

And believe me that pepperoni gave me the sausage. Hell, I'll take a pepper. It's all high protein. Yeah, well, we'll leave the carbs out. We'll just call it an Atkins kind of pizza. Smiley did include a letter in here. I'm a newspaper article. By Oh, I can't believe this name. From the Dallas Morning News and article by Steve Blow.



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Blow and not blow week.



c Chris Harrison 1:22:23

Nope. Steve blow. The title of that recall is Guess who's not coming to lunch. I was looking forward to lunch at a festive Christmas gathering today. instead. I guess I'll have a peanut butter and jelly sandwich here at my desk. Can I get an all bless your heart? Oh, thank you even blatantly solicited sympathy is nice. Yep, I was all set for a happy holiday event today. But then I got uninvited, just flat told not to come. I'm trying to be brave. I was supposed to speak at the parents luncheon for a school at Schofield Memorial Church in Lake Highlands, which is the Dallas area of Texas. This had all been arranged since last summer, so I'm not sure what happened. But someone apparently decided I'm unsuitable as a speaker there. The senior pastor called and told me so. They just didn't uninvite me, but they canceled the whole darn event. I feel terrible about that and begged them not to ruin it for everyone. I would have been happy to help them find another speaker. But come to think of it. And looking for another speaker I guess I would have had to start by saying I have started telling me about your views on homosexuality. Mine are what got me uninvited. Funny thing is I didn't plan to say a word on that subject on my Christmas talk. I didn't plan to sing any songs about donning now our gay apparel fall Allah Allah Allah Allah. I guess the damage had already been done. I had let it be known in past columns that in my view, homosexuality doesn't send you straight to Santos naughty list. For the record, Schofield Memorial Church is not some big nutty hate group. It's a big nondenominational church that has been in Dallas for more than 125 years. Senior Pastor Matthew St. John, is that a great preacher name or what? Couldn't have been nicer when he called last week to uninvite me. Oh, he said he likes and respects me at all, but he feared that having me speak at the church might cause some to believe the church shared my accepting view of homosexuality,



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and that he might be without a congregation next week.



c Chris Harrison 1:24:35

I was nice and returned from the sound of this and said he certainly had every right to run his church as he sees fit. Nice, nice, nice. Everybody was so nice, but you know what I hurt it hurt to. At first I didn't want to admit that I was bothered but I felt a certain agitation the rest of the day. My daughter visited that evening and asked Dad Why are you pacing around? I didn't have an answer for her. But later it hit me I realized what I was feeling rejection. Just plain old rejection. So here's a straight guy who writes an article in the paper and actually says, You

know what? Homosexuals aren't causing the end of the world. They're not going to hell in a handbasket. And. And he can't even do a simple little talk at a church school because they're afraid of what are people going to think?



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Ah, word? Oh, no, not that word. No, no, no, no.



c Chris Harrison 1:25:33

Homosexuality? Well, you know, I mean, something like that. I'll bet you the cathedral hope wouldn't mind having him come in there. And he can come in, he can actually talk about a topic like that, or, you know, he can come down here, and we'll put him on the air and let him see what he says. But



B Bobby 1:25:55

you, it's not as nice to go straight to the end of, you know, all of creation as we know it.



c Chris Harrison 1:26:02

Yeah. I mean, it's an amazing thing that you get something like you get someone like this, who is being asked to come in and discuss something else. And just because he happened to some point down the line, say, you know, homosexuality isn't going to is not the destruction of the world. Then he gets he can't get these gigs, these speaking engagements or anything like that, and I think it's kind of a shame. Not a good way of showing your love your the wonderfulness of Christian love.



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It's like that that button I used to wear all the time. And I wish I still had it. It said, Geez, smile, Jesus loves you. And then tiny little print at the bottom it said some restrictions do apply. It was It turned quite a few heads, especially if I ever went anywhere near like a church or Christian people in general, because they they'd all compliment me on that button because it says in big letters, Jesus smiled. Jesus loves you. And then they'd read the little print at the bottom of it. And they'd be like, giving me the death i and walking away or,



c Chris Harrison 1:27:09

and you wonder why you got fired from a church?



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Yes, yes, it well, that and other things that he didn't like the fact that I was gay.

 Chris Harrison 1:27:21

We're trying to find because apparently we don't have any news stories on Rotten papers.

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So you're searching rotten.com Such a wonderful news source there.

 Bobby 1:27:32

And I'm still, you know, sort of, we're having homophobic arguments this late in the you know, here we are in a new millennium, we're still we're still hashing out the whole religion and, and queerness and thing you know, I'm sorry, but at this point, it's, I still take the view that religion is for people afraid of going to hell, spirituality is for people who have been there.

 Chris Harrison 1:28:02

My, my saying on religion and all that, as you know, organized crime and organized religion are best left to the Italians. That comes from a former altar boy. Okay, let's talk religion here. Let's talk about brothers. Stephen. Brothers, brother, Stephen, and that's his middle. Yeah, that's his middle name. So he goes by his middle name, and Steven is spelled with a pH. So brother, Craig Stephan, known as brother Stephen was convicted by a jury Wednesday soliciting sex from a teenage boy. Here's the fun part. On Yeah, the students won't be hearing cries of sinners and whores from Penn's most notorious preacher anytime soon, a jury convicted campus fixture brother Stephen on Wednesday to a minimum of three years in jail for the charges of soliciting sex of a teenage boy according to the Philadelphia Inquirer, also known as the Reverend Craig Steven white, the well known preacher often denounced homosexuality and allegedly harassed students on the university campus with his mug megaphone and Bible. And this is I'm guessing it's pens

 Bobby 1:29:22

to get all the gags taken.

 Chris Harrison 1:29:28

Yeah, you're gonna be seeing the staff of God. A 12 person jury deliberated for three and a half hours before finding him guilty of the sex relations, sex solicitation, charge, and other related offensives. He must serve a minimum of three years. He'll be serving all right.

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Bobby 1:29:46

Staff of God that was Doug was the WG.

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Chris Harrison 1:29:53

The trial captivated Penn's campus and the rest of the city due to whites familiarity as a vocal critic of gays, Jews, Muslim wasn't other minorities.

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So we weren't the only ones he was after. Okay, so

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Chris Harrison 1:30:05

he's going to be thrown into prison after making a homophobic comments. he solicited sex from a teenage kid from a teenage boy.

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Bobby 1:30:12

He's not gonna be able to sit down for a few years. He

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Chris Harrison 1:30:15

got me lucky if he's, I mean, ADHD is preached against Muslims and other minorities. If he's lucky, he's only coming out of there, right? I'm sorry to rain babies out there. But I mean, this is someone who spent his lifetime here preaching against people first three months. Yeah, he's gonna have to be an ad sag. I mean, right. I'm glad he won't be on Lucas walk anymore, because he was pretty annoying. college sophomore Jacob Stein, adding that White was a hypocrite considering his attacks on gays. The original charged him from an affidavit stating that he approached the boy in first of all in a van asking for directions, and the whereabouts of any strip clubs or adult bookstore or video stores nearby. Although the boy refusing often arrived in the van, he did come back five minutes later, the boy claimed white asked him if you wanted to make some money by allowing white to perform oral sex on him.

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According to President Clinton, that's not sex. So

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Chris Harrison 1:31:20

the boy the boy declined the offer and memorize the license plate in the vehicle which was traced to his ministry even worse,

B Bobby 1:31:30

so wrong thing fell up fell up big Yeah,

C Chris Harrison 1:31:34

I mean he he went the whole nine yards and then some so this is above and beyond Yeah, the headline on this that they not the official newspaper headline but the one on rotten.com is homophobic preacher convicted of attempted attempted facotry. You the people at Rotten? Yeah, it's. Yeah, it's one of the things some of the titles that they come up here with you can't really see. Floating heads. Oh, President Bush is plenty secure in his heterosexuality.

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Who would ever think that man was actually gay Scotland?

B Bobby 1:32:22

My only question is number one. What What English major came up with that title? You know, because

C Chris Harrison 1:32:31

what rain child was was plenty secure in his heterosexuality secure

B Bobby 1:32:35

in his head. But what English major came up with that? Number one? Well, they poo hairs. The idea that somebody actually slept with him long enough to have children is disturbing enough,

C Chris Harrison 1:32:47

please. He had to date the librarian, Scott Scott, Scott McClellan, the press secretary to do President Bush. Scott Reed is the senior strategist to Prime Minister Paul Martin. Mr. Bush met Mr. Reid earlier this week at a summit in Monterrey, Mexico. Just after the president's breakfast with Mr. Martin. Mr. Bush wandered over during Mr. Reid's chat with the Prime Minister, the president chuckles you've got a pretty face. He told a surprise, Mr. Reid. He wasn't done. You have a pretty face. You said again. You're a good looking guy. better looking than my Scott anyway. Okay, so Well, sticking your foot in your mouth.

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Scott McClellan has

 **Bobby** 1:33:32

left a disturbing.

 **Chris Harrison** 1:33:35

Yeah, I mean,



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and gays around the world went back in the closet just not to be associated. Oh,

 **Chris Harrison** 1:33:40

is that as bad enough? When we started saying that Jerry Falwell and Jesse Helms have to be because they they protest that we believe they protest too much? Yes.

 **Bobby** 1:33:54

And, you know, that's a good said to me this week that they, they wish that Michael Jackson would just come out of the closet. And I'm like, No, he should just stay in the closet. I'm sorry. But the last thing we need is somebody who they're accusing of being a pedophile coming out, coming out of the froling closet.

 **Chris Harrison** 1:34:20

Well, I mean, that's the I mean,

 **Bobby** 1:34:24

I personally wish they would take him off every news program and let him stew in his own juices for all I care. I'm so sick of him.

 **Chris Harrison** 1:34:35

An unusual thing for me on a Saturday night, I was able to watch the show Mad TV today. And even strangers the fact that I watched a deejays Hey, they had to do something before the dancers came out. They did a take off of that Fox show a simple life. And it was instead of Paris

Hilton and the other girl Ricci, well, that's how they actually listed on there was The other girl they had. It was Michael Jackson and Scott Peterson.



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Who's Scott Peterson,



c Chris Harrison 1:35:10

the guy who's accused in California of killing his wife and unborn child on Christmas Eve. Oh, okay. So it was they said they ended up saying that we're guilty of having fun and a whole lot of pot shots because like, the family had a nine year old and a seven year old boys. And so Michael is going Anyone up for wine and sleeping pills.



B Bobby 1:35:36

That was bad. Give Michael a sleeping pill, preferably saya.



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Somebody should take away his bleaching privileges. That should be his sentences for he is found guilty as they should take all the bleach away from him.



B Bobby 1:35:58

So sick of all this of the Scott Peterson's and the Michael Jackson stories and the Robert Blake stories and this and that as people to go away. I'm tired of it.



J Jewel Gray 1:36:12

Okay, well, we are going to go away,



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take a step here. We've



c Chris Harrison 1:36:15

got to do our election update thing, and then we're going to play a little music, and we'll regroup and find something else here to do. So we are going to be back in just a moment. And here is your election moment.



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Elections are underway, candidates speak their piece every half hour.



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Hello, I'm Scott Zinger. And I'm a listener candidate for the board. I'm a new listener. And I really like what I hear, help preserve the unique programming and work to ensure the financial strength the KPFT. To do this, business skills and tax will be required. I'm an MBA, and a Certified Management Accountant. I've worked with startups, fortune 100 companies and non government organizations. For example, I raised \$11,000 for the art studio of Beaumont, Texas. And I was consulted on business development for \$4 million family planning NGO in Cairo, Egypt. And I went to Romania for the Peace Corps. So I believe I have the right kind of experiences to do the job. Again. I'm Scott Zinger. Thank you for your vote.



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Here's one become what you've always wanted to be. Your new body awaits you. Jim. Is there something wrong here? Okay. This is a page 37 a local guide newspaper, laser hair removal. prices starting at \$99 Botox, collagen symetra microdermabrasion laser treatment for wrinkles, dark marks, unwanted tattoos, red faces and broken blood vessels. blank column