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Oh yes, you've tuned into after hours queer radio with attitude right here on KPFT Houston 90.1 FM. The crew of after hours is ready to bring you news interviews, dialogue and music geared for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people and their friends. Hear it after hours, we may be diverse, but we have one thing in common. We are all out of the closet and urge everyone to come out of their closet. That means standing up for yourself taking responsibility for your own life and being proud of who you are. Realistically, we know not everyone can do that because of age job or frame of mind. That's okay, we're here for you too. So sit back, relax, and enjoy this week's edition of after hours.



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Hello, Houston and college station and Huntsville, and welcome to after hours career radio with attitude on Jimmy Carper. And this is the September 2 edition. And the very special one that is two because I September 6 marks the 13th Birthday of after hours. Oh 19. And it's right in 1987. Buddy Johnston came in here and started the show.



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and here we are today. And it's made even more sweeter. I'll tell you because starting September 9, next Saturday night will be the first first show of after hours north. Oh yeah, on ks Hu 90.5. in Huntsville, our friend, Colin mccluer is starting that show next week. And it's it's amazing to me that's falling so close to the after hours birthday. And so I think that works. That's very, very sweet. And congratulations, Colin on getting the show going. And anything I can do to help can't be a guest obviously duplicates and unfortunately you probably can't be a guest on here anymore either. But we'll see how it goes. So he's he's, he's going to do a three hour show also. And he he's going to find out how hard that is to fill sometimes. But we I

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come out of the woodwork.

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We've given him a bunch of queer music and that that'll start them off and and he's been listening to after hours for a very, very long time. So he knows all the good things to do and the bad things not to do. With practice

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well yeah, what some people tend to like I know

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that laughter You hear is Bobby Pagano and a regular here. And the other voice you hear is is David Martinez from ABA and I didn't play any special ABA music tonight. I'm

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all from all Dalston area.

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Yes. So the official name is the AIDS Alliance of the Bay Area. You know, I've been saying all kinds of different things like AIDS association of the Bay Area, blah, blah, blah, but it all works out. Same thing you cover

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over Gallatin County, Brasilia Matagorda County With our agency that we serve, getting our patients with case management, financial assistance, medical assistance, getting them to

UTMB down in Galveston. Wow.



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And I know that you've got we've talked about this before, but I mean, you do. You are a mini AIDS Foundation, Houston.



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That is correct.



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Plus you do other things. I mean, because your people are spread out a lot farther. I mean, you you have to invest a whole lot more in transportation.



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That is correct, because most of my clients are in very rural areas, and small little bitty towns, West Columbia, Freeport, Clute, Sweeny Bay City, very, very small towns, but in those areas, there's hardly any doctors or medical that deals with HIV or AIDS. We make sure that to financial assistance for transportation or I personally will go down there, pick them up and make sure to get to their appointments, get their medical needs, see their doctor, get them on a regimen that will make them live longer and healthier.



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And you are here not just to talk about APO but I mean, you're free to do that, of course at any time, you know how it is the doors open. Even if we can only give you two minutes, you know, you're you know if you walk in that door you'll get on but but you've got a special fundraiser coming up?



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Yes, it is on for for the AIDS lines in the Bay Area. We're going to have this is our third fundraiser that's going to be at the 1894 Grand Opera House in Galveston on September 23. The curtain call will be 730. We're doing Fred Silver's version, the musical and gay company starring while it's featuring Houston's own Marsh Carlton, whoa, you know everybody that knows Marsha she's always there at Jr's karaoke on Sunday nights and on Thursdays. Big blonde, voluptuous, gorgeous woman that we she has done this twice for our agency and we every time she does a show that comes in Galveston, the Queen's down there just head over heels and they try to outdo her but



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of course it never passed never never ever, never called now.



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And also in this production. She's also got Keith Caldwell joining us well along with Dennis Brecon, Lawrence Edwards, Tony Devereaux and Mitch pengarah and tickets for these for this NBA company is \$30 VIP this also includes priority seating and plus after the show a private reception with the cast



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food and drinks oh and come on folks, this is a fundraiser sure



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it helps our agencies and the monies will go for our clients need for medication since cost medications have gone up consider



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Tell me about it. Being One who takes a Bobby and I being once you take them yes.



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And for this \$30 comes along Long Way and stretches our our funding very well. And also for those that just want to see the show and may not want to you know go back stairs backstage see Marsha there are just \$10 general seating as well.



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You're either throwing 30 bucks just no yeah.



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Well \$30 Extra see Marsha, she'd believe me folks, she is worth she's worth it. She's worth let me tell you that you can get the tickets through our ABA agency for Houston callers, you can dial Area code 281-388-2339. And for the \$10 tickets, you can contact the Grand Opera House box office, their number is area code 409-765-1894. But we are selling directly the \$30 tickets

so that we hopefully Houston and Galveston and all the little towns in between will come and support our agency and display or musical, shall I say? And hey, just see Marshall like say it's work. Yeah. And Keith Caldwell he called wells. Well, that's right. Yeah, I



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like his music. Many times. Not lately, unfortunately. And in fact, I didn't realize that he was in this I would have brought some of his music here because he's got at least one cassette out if not more. Great. And he's been a professional performer for a very long time. Fantastic. Yeah. And he just finished doing that play over at the musical over at Snowmass. That's right. He was in that one.



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And they said that was good. Oh, they



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got great reviews. Yeah, yeah. They had a little tough competition though. I mean, because they didn't get naked in the guys over you know, make it boy.



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Right. Yeah, I think yeah, yeah. Something about the body. So just time



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for \$30 You do not get to see Marshall, Marshall Carlton naked. No, no, no, no, it would be it will



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be locked out. because Oh yeah. Well give up your salary just to see everybody naked. Don't tell your boss well. You probably help.



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Oh, that's funny.



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never know what's gonna happen here. D



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this is kind of I mean, you have this kind of deal going every year, don't you?



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Third time at the Opera House in Galveston. Washington did it last year with us where she got the local talent between of Houston and Galveston. So they could stretch their stuff and sing numbers, their favorite numbers, that went very well as well. Oh, sure. And then the one prior before that we had the cast of when Phantom of the Opera was here. Oh, yes, I remember that. And they were there to give up their Monday to do the show at the Opera House. And that was a great turnout as well. Everybody just love that. So every year we try to do it better and better. And my boss, Luke's the executive director always has these wonderful ideas that comes up that he always wants to do every year much better. And



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it's quality entertainment, quality entertainment. Yeah. Right. I mean, folks, I mean, this is the stuff you'd you'd pay go into the alley or something like that. I mean, and this, this gets to be a fundraiser. So you get to have a great show, and do good for a great organization.



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And we promise that Lou and one of the board of directors have seen the rehearsals and they promised us that it's going to be a real hoot. There's some funny stuff. There's some serious stuff in it. This NDA company was this musical that was done back in the 70s and lost out to I can't think of a heavy Oh, chorus line. So really, really. And



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if it hadn't been for chorus line we'd all know in gay company. Wow.



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singing the words today. Yeah.



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And we still might do better. Yeah, this deals with a lot of lifestyles, but it does like say there's some serious parts are some funny parts. Overall, though, it has gotten great reviews throughout New York and Broadway. So that's wonderful. And it has gone to torrent in San Francisco, Chicago, Los Angeles and DC with great rave reviews. So I know when coming here,

it's going to get great reviews here. I believe some of the even though newspaper, newspaper people from the Chronicle also be there. So they're gonna review that as well. That's really, really, really great. Great, and hopefully we can get some of the people from the voice will also come revealing Well, that would



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be nice. Yes, I'll bet David Groover do Groover will be would be more than happy to be there. And he's he's kind of the head critic for The Voice these days. Tell me a little bit about APA because people forget. And we may have new listeners who live in the area that don't even know of your services.



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For you listeners that live out in Galveston County. Rosaria are Matagorda County. We're an agency located on our island, Texas, 218, West Coombs, downtown Alvin, and our services will help that we get you. We do an intake at no charge, we find out what's an intake and intake is where we get general information about their status, their financial status, their health status right now, if they are HIV positive things that we would require in order to process the information and get them to get them the service they need right away.



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Do you do testing?



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We do HIV testing on Wednesdays from 10am to 3pm. Okay, it is anonymous and confidential. That's



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very important. That's



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right. Results will take two weeks, you are given a number and you come back to get those results personally, we do not give them up over the mail or by phone because of confidentiality. Right?



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That's right in Texas is one of the few states left that has that anonymous and confidential is

correct. Yes, yes. And yes. Nobody wants to think of themselves as having HIV. But if that happens to you, that's, that can be a very important part, especially when it comes to insurance and job and, and even housing,



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housing as well. And medical because the soon as they test early prevention is the key. As soon as a person finds out, they're HIV positive, we get them into the UTMB system in Galveston, we get them to meet the HIV doctors, they will work with the clients and find out what's the best regimen for their care. There's a great staff down there Dr. David par and his associates, nurses and and the clerks themselves work tirelessly and accurately to make sure that when first time patient comes in, they make their visit very, very comfortable and relaxed, so they don't have to be worried and scared. And I will also be there with the patient on their first visit to make to walk them through the steps. So If this way they'll get familiar with it. And know the routine. I think that's very important for, for case managers, even though like, in Houston, you have a bigger city, and therefore many case managers cannot do that. Because it's such a load. By me being our agency, being a small agency with the rural areas, we can still do that one to one personal touch to it, or make somebody go through the process, make them relaxed, make them comfortable, make it easy flip.



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Now, I'm telling you, that's so very, very important. I've been battling this this disease for 13 years and, and II just there's the I don't think one person can really know everything. I mean, he just can't find out the information about drugs and services available. It's just impossible. And so so having a group like you is so very important.



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And having and having it were in places where people I mean, when you're out in the middle of what, to some people is in the middle of nowhere. I mean, they they're in the rural areas where I mean, you have to if you're sick with something, you have to be connected to something or you know, it could cost you your life



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plus, and if you're not interested, there's still a lot of stigma on the very low. Yeah, yeah. When there was, I had a while for a while I had like about 10 cases within a six month period, just one city by city alone. And they were in such a panic, they call it an epidemic, because they didn't how to what to do how to treat them, or, you know, there was no finances, and the county was not providing any services for the medical or transportation. Yes,



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and these are areas that many people who have not been accustomed to having AIDS in their life, they don't know that you could get it from a mosquito bite or an animal contact. And

me, they don't know that you can't get it from a mosquito bite, or, or from casual contact. And when

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you consider how far into this we are the it's frightening that there are people who still believe

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you and I live in the Montrose and we have a basket of over our heads, you know, every day, you know, so we know. But there are many, many, many people do not.

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Yeah, and to education, we continue that throughout the little small town. So any type of health fair that we get from resort to county, or any type when school calls us in for an education, or even the county themselves from the clinics, we were always there we always teach and what they need to know and how to pass it on to their families, to their friends, and let them know, you cannot get it certain ways. But early prevention and early cure or early taking care of yourself is the key to battling this and to live a long life and to live a healthier, happier life. And that you can do that. It's just a regimen that one has to alter all of a sudden, but it can be done. If they have the power and the positive attitude they have to do this. Well. David, let me ask you,

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let me ask you about that. I mean, how are the schools and churches and different groups? How do they respond to that? I mean, do they really want this information? Or?

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Yes, we had Angleton ISD, asking us to their high school and your junior high, we went in and taught education to them. We still had to teach them about condoms. You know, we explained it to what they have to do a demonstration to it. Nursing homes have called us to teach them so so that we can teach how to handle the frail and the sick, that may come in contact with HIV. We had a women's shelter and Angleton, in fact, wanted education about had mothers that came in with their children, and some of them were HIV already. So we give them education tips on that. And the churches down in Brasilia county are very, very supportive of our agency. My boss luex, the executive director is an administrator Association down there in Brazil. And he has met he has already told me that he has met with belief, over nine pastors, nine Baptist ministers, six of his couples have his companions and three Methodist ministers and wanted to teach their congregation how to work with people with HIV and even started no support groups and being there for the sick.



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I am so happy to hear that because 15 years ago, you couldn't get that in Houston. I mean, you know,



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15 years ago, you couldn't get that anywhere.



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I know. I know. That is so wonderful. I have to



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I have to say that Lou has done a great deal of hard work dealing with and talking with the ministers and really educate them in such a way that for spiritual guides and Under for health care for ministers are so by passing his knowledge and he's been doing this since 1981. He does have the knowledge and he has the patience and the care to teach. Because he wants to make sure that everybody that's being taught properly correctly, and that we don't have to be afraid to anybody to be afraid to anyone who's HIV positive and hug them, we can help with their needs that are guide them into the right direction. If a person comes comes up to you, and they don't know exactly what to do, at least they'll know well, I may not know what to do, but I have a phone number that may help you get the information that you need. Exactly,



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exactly. If he's been in it since 81. Then he's known the frustrating years. Oh,



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yes. He worked all the years, as in fact, his first five patients were MD Anderson patients when they call it the gate cancer.



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Yeah, that was back way back when I called him grill grid. Yeah. Yeah. Wow. And in the face of AIDS of change, too. It's, it's a lot less in homosexual men and, and more in IV drug users and, and, and women, unfortunately,



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some children, you're our biggest increase now has been the especially the culture the Hispanic blacks the African American in in Rizzari counties the biggest and still have some in

Galveston. But Marshall in the rise in the angled Emanuel timbers already County for African American women and men arrived. And they're still trying to struggle with that, because knowing that there's such a stigma for their culture that, you know, they don't trust doctors, and we're trying to teach them that they are trying to help you and assist you make you live longer.



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I think going through through ministers is a very, very good way to do it. Because because you're talking you're talking about rural people, you're talking about Hispanics and, and African Americans. And we've, we know about the macho things. Yeah, going on there. And, and people are gonna listen to their ministers more than they are, they're gonna listen to their doctors even.



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Because they're those communities are often very much centered around their church, their their, you know, their belief system is a part of how they live on a daily basis in



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more rural areas. Your church is not only your place of worship, but it's your social center. Yes. So I'm just I am just so happy to see that things are going well, with your organization



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going well. When we first started there, three years ago, we never thought we get the kind of response. And it was such surprising such up with open arms, especially from the ministers down in the Brazilian County. And now we're also educating the police enforcement and county, they've called us to do seminars on a on a every six month basis than we do now. For resorted County. And hopefully, we're going to be able to teach as well to the Bay City down Bay City. They've asked for our assistance on teaching them and education about it just for their knowledge and for their officers. So it's nice to know that they're being open and they want to learn because now they want to know that the proper way. Should they have to make an arrest for for pressure, that is HIV, they know what to do and



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yeah, and they're and they need to know these things to protect themselves. Yes,



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yeah. Because there was a time when, you know, police would not touch a person. There were ambulances, who ambulance drivers, you know, paramedics who wouldn't touch a person.

That's true. They thought we had AIDS.



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I always loved the story you tell about when you move to Alvin. And and how, you know, it's like, you know, you've got an aid agency moving to Alvin like Main Street. Alvin. That's right. And and I don't know, I would kind of be afraid to set up



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well, we were and we were do we didn't know what kind of reception we would get there. And but we knew that there was clients there that already needing our assistance and needing to go somewhere, especially when Harris County the AIDS agencies and the Ryan White Todd one did not long no longer covered was already a county. So that's where the title to Ryan White title true the rural areas came in, in which we have two agencies that does that the AIDS coalition of coastal Texas. Their offices right off on Galveston Island, so they handle Galveston and part of Galveston mainland Okay. We take AvaTax Bizzarri County and Matagorda County. So between the two agencies that we cover, I think as far as count wise, we have already close to about 500 people that are HIV positive. And out of those 500 We have 250 that are full blown AIDS. And right down, I believe it's still 60% white males 40% Black 20% Hispanics. So that is that right? No. 45 Okay, no, no, let me think let me just, it's going to be 40%. White 30%. Black. Okay. And then the, then 30% is



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bad. Okay. Yeah. Gosh, oh, my gosh. But I'm just thinking about all the people that are being helped and all the people who are alive today, because you're there.



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Well, between welfare agencies we do we cover a lot of ground and we work together. That's the blessing with our both agencies that we work together as a group and that we don't worry about stepping on each other's toes whenever there's a client that needs assistance at and then in my area, say, when I go to county, and they happen to visit the AIDS coalition down in Galveston, they would give us a call, say, we have a client that's Matagorda County, can you check them out? Since you're closer and vice versa? If there was things that I need from Food Pantry wise, that I may not have what a client specially needs, I will contact its coalition of coastal Texas and said do you have this and that we would just fax a referral to them. And this way, they can get whatever they need. So we help each other in a way in such blessing that it's teamwork, because we see both agencies see the picture as a whole, to helping the client get their needs and what they're needed for.



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It is so refreshing to hear about two agencies working together without the diva factor, to get

know.



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To hear the agencies actually talking to each other and you know, and say, okay, you know, and nobody going for brownie points as to who's who does this for who? Yeah, that's cool.



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No, we were set up down in Galveston County resort count under a consortium in which the Galveston County health district gets our funding. And in this distributed to the other two are two agencies. And so between that we make sure that we work together. The money is distributed equally, based on caseload and number of clients. And Galveston being that's the oldest agency before we came in, they have more class than we do, and therefore they get a little more. But should we run out of certain things? We help each other out? Bounce each other and consistent helping with clients.



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That's great. Yeah. So let's let's have a run down on the fundraiser again. Okay.



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It is called in gay company. It'll be on September 23. At 7:30pm at the Grand at Manly for Opera House.



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That's a beautiful place if you've never been there. Oh, yes, it's worth the trip everything right, just for that.



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It's on a Saturday. So you can make the whole day first going to the church, or going on the strand and then you can go later on to the show. It's dress casual. It's not a what we call black tie affair. So this way, everybody can come on schedule. Yeah. Once again, tickets are \$30 and you can get those to our our office at 281-388-2339. And turn Dallas, we'll get you backstage to see Marsha Carlton and the rest of the cast, plus a little tidbits food and drink. And for those that just want to see the show only it's \$10. And you can get that through the Grand Opera House. And their phone number is area code 409-765-1894. Great.



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David in past years, you've come in here with someone else. Yes, I see that you're alone tonight.



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I am alone tonight. Well, I'm amongst friends. I'm among yes here. But usually what I bring I bring a dear friend of mine named Scott Mackey, who was we're both members of the Houston area bears. And we learned last week that Scott Mackay had passed away from fighting Hodgkins lymphoma cancer, and he died last Saturday the 26th and there was a service today at Palestine memorial service for him. But we do have news for you for you stop making friends that know him and those who know Scout he's bigger than life. Big hearts match. Yes. Had a laughter that just could shake a room. Oh, yes. That service for Scott Mackey will be on September 16. One o'clock PM,



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wait a minute. I need a pen. Somebody give me a pen. I gotta write this down. Okay, thank you. Thank you got one right here.



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Okay. And that is okay.



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Wait a minute. Paper. Everybody out there is doing this thing. Okay. Okay.



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Okay. The service was Scott Mackey will be at Trinity Episcopal Church, Trinity Episcopal and that is located on Holman and Main Street. Oh, I know where that is not too far from here. And the service will be at one o'clock PM. And that is on Saturday, September 16. And we hope that members of the Houston Grand Opera says we call Scala opera bear he was he did a couple of numbers as with the cast, and my favorite one that I saw him was the flying that I've been doing vlogmas The Flying Dutchman he was the cast. And seeing him on stage is bigger than life. Oh, yeah. There was a part where he had to roll on stage and we were so afraid Lou and I was watching him perform. We're afraid he was gonna roll and roll and roll and roll off he was the last that that to God has a big heart and he was big in size larger than life. Yes. Sorry, teddy bear, and always gave you a hug and a big hug. Yes, he taught at Kingwood High School up in Kingwood, a German teacher and he loved German teaching German to the kids. And we hope that the service some of his teachers, his classmates, members of the bears, he's people from the Houston Grand Opera. Hopefully that church will be pretty proud to say to say their last goodbyes to Scott. I hope his mother will return back her name was Peggy Her name is Peggy and that she appreciated all friends here in Houston taking that take care of her and Scott while he was in the hospital and special angels. Steve Sapan ski. Yeah, yes. And those him and

Robert Felton Berger and his partner David Wescott almost on a 24 hour. Watch for a whole year just making sure Scott's needs were met and, and Scott's mother's needs were met as well. Robert and David took Peggy out for dinner at times took her place. Just spending some time so that you know she couldn't get break while Steve would go and visit with Scott and Lou and I would visit with Scott and a bunch of other brands went and visit him as well.



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I used to see Scott all the time when we'd run into each other at Lobos. Oh, yeah, all the time. And you know, and I told him once that, you know, when he had the beard and all the hair and everything that he you know what one of his best roles should have been Friar Tuck. Because he was just I mean, he just looked the part. He was big. Yeah, very Yeah, he



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had gotten I used to always check that Texas Renaissance Festival. He'd bring out the brown outfit and guys fry Chuck Daly was with his cane and his as



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Oh, I can see. Yes.



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Even blessings to everybody. That was Scott.



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I remember toward the end. The last time I saw him, he was going through all them the stuff,



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whatever and all that



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and and I remember it bugged him. You know, he just he dealt with it. But I remember I



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let's face it. Scott was a vain person. He loved his hair. He loved his beard. And with him not having it. He felt bald,



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and he and I can't get out but remember the day he told me it said Look at me. I'm a walking Jabba the Hutt. I'm like that just cracked me up. He was he was just so. So good.



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We will miss her. And we will miss him. David, thank you for being here so that



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they will Oh, okay. I'm sorry. Okay. Click on for the Houston area where you bet. The same time that we have a non benefit the Houston area bears are having their sixth anniversary party. And for the members, it's going to be at the new potpie restaurant on Richmond Avenue from 7pm to 9pm. After that, they're heading to marriage naturally to hang their their colors are colors now as Mary's will now be our new home bar. Oh, that's nice. And for the members tickets will be \$15. And you can get the tickets from our tribe members Bruce Reeves, Christopher Daniel, Randy Gearheart and Jack Adams.



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So that was for people.



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Oh, I'm sorry. I said we did that.



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That's okay. He's having a little bit What numbers



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were Scott when?



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I know Bruce is part of the triad because I know Bruce Yeah, he's decadence this week.



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A lot of them did go out to have fun at New Orleans. Then that big infamous Pool Party hear some stories when they



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get back. I want to see the pictures.



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Oh, yes. Hopefully somebody will take some good.



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And in this if they do and they don't know where to have them developed, I know a place.



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I have pictures and I used to want to come to come talk to Jimmy here.



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It's a great place right in The Woodlands. I've had all kinds of photos done there. I bet you I bet you know, sorry. Not that I know. Yeah. Developing



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emphasis on the male part of that.



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And thank you all for having me here. You're very low. Appreciate it. And y'all come out and support ABA ya have in the past and I know that every time I pledge this here on KPFT I'll come out of the woodworks and say you're you're on Kpf you beneficate very much. Thank



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you very much. We've got I've got an outgoing song for you. And I'm gonna be doing a lot of music for the rest of the night.



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It's an Abba song, right? No.



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Actually, it's kind of for for for Scott. Okay. It's by a group called Mark and Dean. They are very much lovers. Oh, and it's called man of my dreams. Scout Mackay and you're hearing it on after hours queer radio with attitude on KPFT Houston and ke O 's College Station.