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You have tuned into after hours queer radio with attitude a continuing tradition here on KPFT 90.1 FM. The crew of after hours is ready to bring the news interviews, discussions and music here to the gay lesbian, bisexual, transgender community and our allies. We are a diverse group here, but we all have one thing in common. We are out of the closet and urge everyone to come out of his or her closet as well. That means recognizing who you are standing up for yourself and your rights and being proud of who you are. We understand that this might not be possible to choose a job or frame of mind. But remember, we are here especially for you. So kick back and relax and get ready for this week's edition of after hours.



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Hello, Houston, Galveston and the world. Welcome to the after hours stiff breeze party.



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It was supposed to be a hurricane party.



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Who are you? My name is Chris Harris. And I'll be your co executive this evening. And



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I'm Jimmy Carper on the other one. My so



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what a case of emotional Yeah,



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no, I know that was bizarre.



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For those of you who have been sheltering in place without the benefit of radio, let me give you the update of what's going on. Hurricane Rita is a cat three will probably don't have a cat two right now I have heard the late the absolute latest on that. Rather than hitting Galveston or even really hitting Houston, Texas at all. It's veered off to the right and landed between port between Beaumont and Lake Charles and they're sustaining heavy damage over in Louisiana. Unfortunately, a lot of water also going to be heading into New Orleans.



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That's right just as a New Orleans getting some more water



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just after they got down to 10% of it. All was left it was flooded was 10% of the water. And now they are going to be back up because a couple of levees burst. Yep. locally here in Houston. We are receiving reports of gusty winds, some rain in some areas there. There are some power outages. I think the last report was 200,000 of the customers of CenterPoint Energy are saying they are without electricity. It's been sporadic in some areas. There's been some damage in Galveston. Some historic homes caught fire when a electrical power



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outlet was sold. Yes, right next to the 1894 Opera House.



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So far, the Houston area is surviving Yes.



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Whether it was about an hour's worth of outage in the section of Pasadena, Pasadena was



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out for about an hour. We've gotten reports from pear land that they were down that they burned down to there were there were some transformers in the area that were exploding and that happens usually with high winds. mountainside fair. There was some electrical problems which you know if you were listening to KPFT because you couldn't listen to KPFT our transmitter is technically psi fair area. And when they lost power, we lost power.



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We did so we are operating with a skeleton crew. It's just us tonight. We don't have our regular crew with us because we expected to have dangerous weather and and that's kind of the way everyone's



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been playing it. Yeah, I came into town came into town early. I left my house at my area at quarter after five. And I was here in the Montrose at 540. And came into the station checking what was going on and I've been hunkered down over at Jimmy's just getting ready for the show here. And it's it's an amazing thing that we've gone through here. And it's not for nothing.



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Yeah, we were sitting there glued to the to the weather station. Oh, yeah. On TV. And, and then we decided, well, you know, let's, let's do something else. And so, we found one end of West Side Story on,



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actually, we only missed like 15 minutes of West Side Story, I believe. And



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when the movie was over, we went back to the Weather Channel, and lo and behold,



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they're sitting there with a grin on not a grin on their face, kind of like,



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well, Frank Billingsley was because all night long used to saying oh, it's gonna veer to the right, it's gonna veer to the right. And so it did, but you



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know, it was something we dodged the bullet. But you know, it's really not for nothing, because this was a good for the most part, dry run, what we can do, we've seen the fact that, you know, we can evacuate Houston, in two days. And we know where the trouble areas are, right. So I'm expecting what you're going to be hearing. The next couple of council meetings are probably gonna be very interesting. And the one thing I'm pretty sure you're gonna see come out of this from Houston is the Metro is going to be tearing down a lot of HOV lanes. Yes, what helped New Orleans get counterflow going so easily was the fact that all you had between northbound and southbound traffic was that one concrete divider wall. And here in Houston, because we've got what three times four times the population of New Orleans, we've got those HOV lanes and we built the the double walled the permanent, you know, the one lane that sits there unused half to two thirds of the day. And unfortunately, they couldn't figure out I guess how to structurally take apart enough of the one side wall and the other side wall and make a smooth lane of traffic out of it. And that's why all of our counterflow lanes started in Conroe or just outside of Katy where the HOV lanes ended. And they could swerve over easily because I mean, like I heard the Katy Freeway their HOV when they started counterflow. You had to be in the HOV lane actually, to get into counterflow and move over. So it's been a wild time.



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It's been a wild time.



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It's been amazing. I mean, coming in town,



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you know, I've been talking to several people because I was here for Alicia. I



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was two and there



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was nothing there. There was never a mass exodus. Like there had been for this, and I can only think of is the Katrina fear. Katrina



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I mean, it was Katrina, and it was the fact that people looking over and seeing the damage and the devastation. And everybody going because everybody uses something you can recall as the benchmark. You know, when Alicia came they were talking Camille. You know, when Allison came, they were talking Alicia, you know, and everything was this benchmark of Katrina, because you know, it was just the same. Rita was Katrina's Ugly Little Sister.



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Well, for Beaumont and Lake Charles. Yes,



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yeah. But, you know, we were all looking at this cat five coming down to wipe us off the face of the earth, and it comes and it gets down to a three and down to a three and you know, things are looking and I'm looking



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out my door waiting for the you know, trees to come flying through my window and nothing happens. This is this is pruning, whether that's what it is. Yeah, it's just windy enough to take out the dead leaves in your tree and then dead branches. Maybe. But you know, that's it. But I



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mean, but you know, with Katrina, and that's part of the reason why the the evacuation. They saw how delaying the evacuation orders in New Orleans caused problems. Yep. And no one in Texas wanted to be you know, they say they didn't learn a lesson from Katrina and what she did to Louisiana. And so it was get out. And the big talk of what's going to be is eventually it'll get to, you know, why did you tell us to evacuate? I think people get over that quickly. But you know, the fact that there was no really good evacuation plan The just you know, oh let's get on the freeway and drive and the amount of of money that you know was was spent on this evacuation just off of the fact of people filling up their gas tank and then going out and running out of gas on the freeway and the state having to buy gas and filling up people. Yeah, giving them gas. It's yeah, this is going to be even though we didn't see the damage that we were expecting. It's going to be catastrophic in the wallet because it's so it's going to it's going to be a scary thing there. But it's one of those things you there's a lot of love, you're gonna really start using the term surreal about a bonus driving in taking to 90 in town. First of all yesterday going out to work. Normally it's 630 in the morning to 90 eastbound is packed. And I got to 290 and it was 290 westbound that was packed though. Bumper To Bumper, you weren't moving. There's people out of their car standing there. And you know, when you see it on TV, it's one thing but when you witness it in person, it's another and then today coming in, there was no

traffic. I got on at half the people left, I got on at Hofmeister and at you know, five o'clock on a Friday afternoon. I must have only seen a dozen cars on the road. My. And it was just, I actually think there was a dozen cars that were driving. I live so far out. I'm outside of safe, clear territory. So I must have seen 20 cars are parked on the side of the road that were abandoned. Yeah, because of either car problems or because of running out of gas. Well, that's



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the thing. There was like one gas station in this whole city that still had gas and people want didn't want to just take verbal, frivolous drives.



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Oh, yeah, that was that's what was coming when I was gonna get here. It's like, I'm not gonna go drive around and find gas and spend a quarter of a tank. Yeah, exactly. To find gas. So it's going to be interesting. See how quickly okay, we recover because I know some of the grocery stores are talking. They're gonna be open Sunday. I know for a fact of one that's, you know, they're gearing up and they're planning on being open. 9am good. But you know, there's gonna be a lot of restocking because there are stores that believe it or not, aren't completely out of food.



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Well, I didn't notice that at Kroger's here in the Montrose I did notice though I went in Wednesday, I believe, like 10 o'clock in the morning. My favorite gas station had already closed in the morning, 10 o'clock in the morning. And of course, you know, my, the Kroger here in the Montrose is 24 hours. But they closed early that afternoon. Because Because of this, and when I walked in, I was going down the aisles. There was no water. That was all gone around, and toilet paper.



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Take care of the priorities. Don't



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do people buy one roll at a time or something. And then I don't know.



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I mean, when I came to water, I people thought this was funny. I went to the one. Yeah,



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what you did that was weird. I went to the drugstore.



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And what I bought was six three liter bottles of grape soda. Because there were unsaved they were on sale, the science at \$1 ended up being 75 cents of the gap at the cash register. And I got home and I was supposed to get see if I could find water. But I was mainly going out to get a phone because cordless phones don't work when the power goes out. So I came home and I live with my brother and sister in law and I go you know, you're gonna laugh at me and I thought I got the queerest phone you could find and I started pulling out these words. lavenders



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No, it's loud.



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The hearing and hearing impaired phone as loud as a flasher to tell you It's ringing. Wow. Guess who's getting that as a birthday present?



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Bitch. No, not you. Oh, okay.



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But I pulled out these three liter bottles of grape soda. My sister in law was elected me like, I hope you're thirsty because I didn't drink in that stuff. And I go no, this is a \$75 Water 75 cent water jug. Exactly. We poured out the soda and I filled it up with water and where in the city of Houston were you going to find because basically that's about four or five gallons of water and it cost me \$4.50 So you know we got plenty of time to fill up the stuff.



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Yeah, keeps keep some of those jugs on hand for the next time, folks because there will be a next time. Now. You were compiling a list of queer hurricane News. Recall we, we started out with, it's raining



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men BY THE WEATHER GIRL. Followed by, in the words of our mayor to everybody go west yo



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West. Yes, but the original one by the village people.



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And we're still looking around I had an eraser in here. I know



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I can't find the aeration we're gonna



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play Ebb Tide. I may play a pansy division deep water.



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Yeah, something like that. We hope you got



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that Wizard of Oz CD in there. We'll play a little Dorothy as Sandy has said, we're gonna be here for a while we do have some guests coming. We're gonna be doing something here soon with Mr. Zmax was planning a tremendous show this month. Um, she asked for extra time. This was this was her month to shine and unfortunately, read it nipped in the bud Sure did. So we're not sure if Mr. Zmax is gonna be doing her part calling in or if she's going to try and come in here she sheltered over in the north side of town, and her guests fled the state. We're gonna see what we're gonna be doing on that in the meantime, we're gonna play some music.



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We'll be in and chatting with you telling you some of the things that are going on in our community. And you



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know, we're gonna we're gonna play a lot of the music. We're gonna keep you informed on what's going on here locally and to some of our friends who are listening to us you know, who are in the path of the storm who may get us further to the east or further to northeast Texas

who are gonna be feeling the effects of the storm and you know, of course Galveston down there sure. So we're gonna keep you informed we're gonna keep you entertained you know, hopefully give you a little bit of diversion because I'm telling you this. I'm gonna tire to Rita I think everyone is glad this storm is over. And the funny thing is watching the news



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storm that never happened. Yeah.



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I mean, I was watching Bill by Esther earlier and I was looking at him going you know, you're starting to sound like Dan Rather at the end of last year election. I was waiting for him to say you know, back up the sandwiches the picnics over it's time to go home. The dog won't hunt the you know,



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this dog will



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none so we're gonna do some music here. Well, I said we're going to be on probably extended hours because we're not sure we



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followed will not be here. This morning at four six



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says he lives in a mandatory evacuation zone. And then PT PT lived in mandatory evacuation zones. There whoever will be bringing with news information the news crew is upstairs in the building decompressing right now. Yes, they are. And we've got we've got reports we can get in here from around the city from some people are giving us some information there when we got Smiley was down in Galveston.



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Yes, he was I heard him calling in and of course we've



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got Alex down in Portland and got David from our show over in Pasadena and over on the southwest side to try and keep him from calling in big Roy is listening in whoo big Roy now that we're back so we've got you covered as best we can and so we're gonna go a little classic here okay usually we play this music when Jimmy's not here for some reason because I usually just bring in the the CD that's got that stuff on there I really love playing club remote and but we've got the actual CDs from him so we're gonna go with a double shot here Sylvester and some classic disco of gay disco openly gay disco openly



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did yes I openly Oh, he's here in high heels and



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that wig so yeah, open like we're we're gonna go a little bit semester and start off with a nice long cut here. You make me feel mighty. The big one and then his other classic. Do you want to funk? Yeah, this is after hours queer radio with attitude for the stiff breeze party. And we'll be back on KPFT 90.1 FM



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Triple Shot of Sylvester Yes. And the last one was weird DOMs own original Crimea river that kind of that's that's kind of part of that rain ASIC



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I think every every set we're going to try and work in some sort of hurricane related Okay. thing here I may be stretching out when we get to some of these things. I may have to stretch a little but that was tripleshot a Sylvester you make me feel. Do you want to funk and Crimea River and we got a couple of reports in from some of our people out there. Do



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we now? Do we got



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it? David you there? Yeah. David's down in Pasadena engineer David.



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Yes. Hello. How you doing, David? Oh, I'm



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weathering it. Well for my first hurricane.



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Well, you're almost first hurricane



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breeze. Yeah, we're getting a little bit more than its fifth raise. We've got about 10 to 15 mile an hour winds down here guessing about 20 Oh, have a little wind gauge thingy to tell me what? Yeah, I've got some trees in the front yard that are wobbling back and forth pretty good.



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We're a bunch of gay men in Houston, Texas. We don't need an anemometer to tell you the wind speed. When it comes to blowing in the city we know



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and I got a bone to pick with you too. Oh, when you introduce the show you know when you say it's associate producer Chris and associate producer Jamie



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Oh, co executive producer



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even mentioned I'm alive anymore. Well, you



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know we can dream. Hey. That's nice pick up pick up on the air afterwards. All right, well, we'll discuss it off air. You'll be able to talk about it sooner cuz you're gonna be off air a lot quicker.



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Are you getting any rain out there? Actually...

Are you getting any rain out there? Actually,



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it is raining right now and we've got a pretty good way rain going. I heard some sirens earlier. I know what's going on. We lost power for about an hour. But that was like at six o'clock. for like six or seven we lost power for about an hour. The mayor Manlove was on. CNN said that love that name. Yes. said that. Senator point was like right on top of it pretty quick and the power just flickered again. Y'all still there? I lost y'all earlier when the power flickered because I'm on a cordless phone. Okay, I'm actually standing outside on the front porch. It's not really that bad. At the moment it's been gusting at points but we're doing pretty good we haven't suffered any structural damage that I've seen so far. Considering



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the house they're in there would be



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yeah it's a it's a quite old house and it's had its issues over the years.



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Anyway so we're recording we've got reporting from Pasadena that rain lot of wind



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I definitely advise staying off the roads in this area the cops are out and about I saw one cruise by earlier kind of looking at me funny because I was sitting outside smoking a cigarette butt



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Pasadena doesn't have a curfew going does it



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I don't know if it does or not but I know the police are out and about so I'm probably going to stop you so if you're up to no good I definitely advise not being out on the street. Oh yeah, they're



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gonna keep an eye on because there has been some reports of power outages so of course you know, they're gonna look for looters or opportunity seekers. Yeah,



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they just said on CNN that there was some looting at a convenience store or something. And I didn't get the specifics before I came back outside. But



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I mean, there are some reports that we're seeing a lot around the city have you know, a lot of winds, a lot of rain coming down. Last time I looked at radar basically if you are east of I 45, you're in a lot of you got a lot of yellow, which is moderately heavy rainstorms, everything west of 45 is basically green and blue, which is like really the light stuff.



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Okay, so we're we are in the throbbing Montrose. So we're kind of straddling the line. We are Yeah, we are kind of midway.



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The last radar shot I got, I saw there was a good band going right across the top of us in Pasadena. So that's probably why the winds kicking up because it's only been doing it for like the last 510 minutes, where it's been getting really rainy and windy. And it's been some really good gusts here and there. Earlier, we were out here in about a block or so away, we heard a tree snap over. And we've managed the power and water and gas and everything has stayed on and we're doing fairly well so far. Hopefully the rest of the night will go pretty good.



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All right. Well, thank you, David. Thanks



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for calling. If



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things change around there, just let us know. I make



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sure I call back in and let y'all know. It will probably be on a regular phone if we lose power. Okay. All right. Love you guys. You'll be safe.



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My David is the official engineer for after Lulu.



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We got a phone call from the other David who's on the southwest side of town. Yes. And he was telling us a lot of rain and some wind out there. was kind of whipping through the elevator shaft in the hotel, the place where he's saying big Roy called earlier they hadn't had any power out of the lifts on Southwest, the extreme southwest side out by the beltway. There was nothing out there. Just mere rain and warm weather, rain and water coming down. Yeah. So like



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I said, pruning, whether it's permanent, whether Yeah, just going to take all those dead leaves off your tree. So maybe some branches too. We've been kind of playing old fashioned music. Not that it's old fashioned, but it's music that's been around for 1015 20 years or more. So we're going to keep in that vein. For right now. We've got Jimmy Somerville, which when he was part of a group called a Bronski beat, back in the early 80s, they put out this song, which is very openly gay, and it was actually the first openly gay club hit. There had been other openly gay songs before but this one was a big club hit called small town boy and for a while it was the theme song for after hours



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you that was a small town boy. Okay. If you listen to the words at



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the beginning as part there towards the end there, unfortunately, I was on the phone lines. And I didn't hear the beginning part where I know in small town boy. Yeah. Well, here's the answer. It's like, you know, I'm listening to something from Yeah,



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he's gay. And he has to get out of that small town and get to the big city if he wants to survive and so on the lonely rainy day he gets on the train and does



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your listening to after hours queer radio with attitude. Here on list responds with commercial free Pacifica radio for the Gulf Coast. KPFT 90.1 FM Houston, 89.5 Galveston and always the World Wide Web at KPFT dot O R G. That's right. This is the first ever after our stiff breeze party. It meant to be a hurricane but the only thing that blew was the hurricane. Gotcha. And now we interrupt our unregular scheduled programming for a bit of normalcy. Oh, a little bit of a little thing of as normal as we get here after hours. Let's put it that way. Sure. Let's push the magic button here. Mistress You are on the air.



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All right. Hello, Mr. smacks morning. Good morning. Good morning.



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Welcome to the leather line segment of after hours. Mistress Max is joining us from I



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don't know where the heck I am. All I know is I'm dry.



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And that's why all this well.



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Well, that's all we need. Yeah. So good morning, all my my friendly perverts out there. And I've got a real special guest this morning. But before I introduce her, I want to say