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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 transgendered 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 closets. 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 welcome to the March 25 edition of after hours. I'm Jimmy Carper. And on his way, here is Peter running a little late. But a couple of things I want to talk to you about in the very beginning of the show is tomorrow, of course is the Academy Awards. And it's a big event for many people in the GLBT community. Now, you know you may be sitting at home and having a good time with it. But you don't have to do that. Don't sit at home alone watching the Academy Awards. Screaming at the tea at television there's a whole lot more fun in a group. So join your friends at the Houston lesbian and gay community center for the Oscar party of Montrose. The festivities begin at 630 guests, the winners and some trivia and you will win the coveted Mary award. It's a \$10 donation includes butter popcorn and other classic movie house mood and benefits the center that's at 803 Hawthorne wonderful way to have a whole lot of fun during the Academy Awards and help out the community center which is there for you seven days a week just about 365 days a year. And let's see what else is going on. Ron say hi to Sam over at the community resale center. That's your resale shop located go I don't know three 400 block of Richmond right there Richmond off jack or Richmond it? Well, nevermind. I don't want to confuse that Bobby's here with me. Hey there. I'm here. How you doing?



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So far? So good. Yeah, good recovering from a few weeks worth of hacking my lungs up, but I'm fine. It's a wonderful thing.



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Yes, I now.



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Love that spring weather.



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Have you? I do too. Have you ever been to the community resale shop?



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Oh endless times i every every few months?



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Yes. Because it because it's a great place. Yeah,



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I'm I am HIV positive. So I and I I'm on their little program where I go in and get clothes every few months, every four months. So yeah, I've been free



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for free for free for HIV pay cards. Yeah,



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currently, there's like \$35 worth of free clothes every four months. So like three times a year.



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And I've heard that the prices are kind of negotiable. If you kind of go over the 35 you



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know a few bucks one way or the other. Yeah, you never know. Yeah.



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Uh, not too complex. I drop stuff off and I buy stuff there. Yeah, it's



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a great place. It's kind of cramped and kinda, you know, bad there. That's the best. It's a wonderful thing because you know, you go searching for little treasures



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and there are Yeah. And I mean from household goods to, to used underwear Hello?



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Used underwear, yeah,



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women's clothing, men's clothing, and just every kind of other little stuff that gets dropped off. You know, sometimes



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you find stuff that's like, clothes, if you find sometimes, you know, you find the well, shorts like I'm wearing. Wow, Daisy, do ya see variety? And then you find, or sometimes you really, somebody's donated like fancy stuff like, oh, yeah, you know, the kind of stuff that I you wouldn't catch me dead wearing?



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Oh, you mean? Like, the stuff that shirts with the horses on



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it? Yeah, there you go. Or the, or those happy little things that people in certain establishments in this town are seen wearing too much? Oh,

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yeah. I don't know if you knew this or not. But the community resale shop was started 15 years ago by a group of people who just wanted to do this for HIV. People, right. And they figured, you know, we'll be around for about five years until they find the cure, well, 15 years

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later, and years later, no cure, and they're still they're still

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there. And they're still serving the community. And now they're looking to buy the property. Well, you know, after 15 years of rent, you know, it's a, you know, we might be around here for a while. And, and this is the kind of project that, you know, when the cure comes. We can use this for other folks. Yeah,

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yeah, it's yeah, it's a kind of thing. What? Because even when a cure gets here, there's still going to be people. cures are inevitably their thing. Excuse

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me. Sure. he chokes on the big ones. Oh,

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yeah. You know, you gotta go for the big. Yes, there's so much fun. The But inevitably, there's still going to be cures are generally, like, vaccines and things and things nowadays, you know, they don't find they don't fix. No, there's a lot, there's not a lot of fixing the people who are already sick and preventing other people a lot. Yes. So there's still going to be a lot of people out there. You bet.

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I open this up to women with breast cancer. Yeah, you know, things, you know, and



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they're gonna have to, like a lot of the agencies, they're going to have to change with the times. Yeah, because HIV and AIDS has evolved.



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Over the years, really has really



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worked and the health organizations have to change with and we're not



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dying off as fast as we used to.



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That's the basic point is we ain't dying as fast as we



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anyway, Sam is over there looking for ideas to build up some some cash to buy the place. I mean, he's talking about a kind of a musical he's writing and, and I know all kinds of little things. I've talked with Shawn Carter, who is Mr. BRB, trying to get EMA? Yeah, I think I gotta get him to do a couple of shows for the community center. And there you go. Yeah. Now this is not I don't want to confuse people. There's the gay and lesbian community center and then sort of community resale shop. That's the same thing. Two different things all together. Yeah. Two different. Like, if you like the, the garage sale type stuff. Just go there for an afternoon. I live for garage sales. And I live for entertainment. If Sam is there. Oh, yes. God, yes. Is that fun? He



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just you know he's not at a loss for it's never now he now he especially in regards he knows he remembers my ex. Really? Oh five with fond memory. I'll bet Oh, yeah. So anytime, and he was actually listening the night I did my segment. So he and I he mentioned that when I talked to him and he and he's like, if he ever comes in so we go on a tirade about that for a half an hour. And when when that boy goes on a tirade about something that Sam you know, he may not be able to see real well anymore or anything like that, but, you know, hit that mouth is Still, he's still got that tongue.



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Well, you see Sam has CMV retinitis he's nearly blind. Yeah, he still gets around pretty pretty. He's got those those strange glasses with

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the little lens. Yeah, extra lenses. That yeah, to focus in on things.

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And oh why don't we take a call on the air? What what you need to do is press that one that says press one.

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Press. Yeah, what this? Yeah.

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Okay. Let's see if he's there. Jim Griffin. Hello. Hello. How you doing? Oops. Hello. Hello. Can you hear me? Can you hear me? Hello? Hello? Hello? Hello. I don't know what's wrong here. I got it all. Hello? Hello. Hello.

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But he's been playing with the buttons again. Yep.

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Yep. Hello,

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did it work?

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Are you there? Well, he can't hear us. Hello. It's just not working out tonight. Danny Carper. Yes I'm here and gosh



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singularly unpleasant experience.



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If the guy calls back then we will put him on a different we'll put them on a different now. Well, we'll see. Okay, um, where were we? We were talking about that was a Peter. Oh. Yes.



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Was isn't he supposed to be like sitting here? Yeah. Know where I'm at?



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Yeah, kinda kinda. So okay. He's onto let's do it a different way this time. Okay.



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Hello. Hello. Let's see. Okay. Hey, baby. Hello. Can you hear me now?



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I can hear you. Can you hear me?



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Yes. Yes. I don't know what happened to the other one.



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It was an electron.



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I don't know. I don't know. I don't know. This is Peter. And he's on the phone.



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It is Peters on the phone. Can you hear me? Yes, you can. Oh, I



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can very loud and clear.



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I can barely hear you. It sounds like you're on the other side of the world. Well, I'm



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on the other side of the room. That's why Hold on. Oh, that work? Is this better? Sorta. Okay. What's up?



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Well, dear Guess what? What? If you think the guy that is sitting in the chair next to you sounds bad.



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Sounds good at all? No, we have bronchitis as pneumonia and I'm not sure what else? Oh, no, I woke up. And I was I said, Well listen, the KPFT since I'm laying here dying.



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And guess what, it's your week. I sent



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it out. And they said, Oh, we're waiting for Peter to come. I went Oh,



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and do you know what you're gonna miss tonight? What? Jim Sorkin he is going to be here in the second half of the show with three of the contestants for the Mr. Prime choice contest.



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And you know what, what? I had read that, again, the Twitter the voice or in something plus, or I was talking to you or something. And I thought they were doing almost the whole show. Oh, so earlier today, I thought to myself, Oh, I gotta call Jimmy and make sure that that's the whole

thing. Because I thought that they should Jimmy carbon was doing this big interview with the three prime choice people. So I was thinking of the whole thing, then I I'm taking steroids, you know? Well, it's like it's a certain prednisone or something. Yeah, for my mind. Anyway, and the deal is it raises my blood pressure. So I have a pulse of 113 That's not good. Blood pressure of 187 overnight to

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girlfriend.

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I think I'm gonna explode. And that would be a really messy.

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That's just not not good. Not good. So anyway,

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we're a little sick and under the weather and so I'm sitting here thinking, Oh, just tune into this one laying here dying. Oh,

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well, you see, I wanted you to be here because I wanted to share some stuff with you. Oh, you know that you know Oh, a lot about AIDS. Yeah. And you know a lot about T cells. Yeah. And that the the what the average in a person that is HIV negative runs around what? 500 to 1200?

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Closer. I wouldn't say I think 500 people.

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Okay, about the average being about about nine or 900,000? Well, yeah, like, yeah, most people are about lemon. Yeah. Okay. And that I have been taking protease inhibitors since April of 1996. And my viral load dropped down to nothing. But my T cell count has been Oh, around the 300. edging up to 400. Mark. Well, the last T cell count I got was 733. I know it. I know. I'm being very muted. I am happy. That's right. I am cautiously optimistic. And I'm, you know, I'm trying to figure out what I did. Yeah, what did I do different this time clean living? Well, that ain't it?



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Yeah. Well, I know. Because you're such a good man. Let me tell you something. Yeah. All the little happy little listed out there. In radio, man, video land. The deal is, I've been working in full time head stuff for about 12 years. And it's my experience, not that this is the only experience of anybody in town. But it's my experience that the people who and I've known people that have had this thing for 17 years, 22 years, oh, yeah, longtime. The people who live really, really long are the people who think more about other people than they do about themselves. I mean, I know people who I took care of that were really, really, really sick. And they would get up feeling like, just like hell, and they would, I'd say, you know, you don't need to go do some Saturday, you can just take I need to be there. And say, you know, I can feel as lousy doing that, as I can lay in here, thinking about how bad or whatever. And they're always thinking about other people and doing nice things for people and stuff. And even though they're really, really not feeling well, perky at times. And those people live really, really,



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really long. I don't know what the deal is. But enfance, you are one of those people



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who care an awful lot more about other people than you do about yourself, and do counseling, nice things for lots of people and the community in general, I've been forgetting to finally fall in that category is why things are on. Yeah.



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Thank you. I think that's probably maybe that's it? I don't I don't know, it's you. Try not to concentrate on my own problems,



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you know, exactly. They're, like I said, these people who think more about us people need to let them know, I don't want users in the sense of you know, taking advantage of every little thing, the rows down the road. They're just really warm, wonderful, caring people. And half the time this thing is about helping somebody else.



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Well, you know, what's the alternative? sit home and be sorry for yourself? Well, what kind of life is that?



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That is not the mindset

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that a lot of people I think I've been to there's a lot of people out there. We all know people who we, you know, think wow. And it's funny in the in the, you know, the reader thing that comes out every week? Yes, yes. I can remember,

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from Tom gagne, Tom Gagne. And that, that group over there over at the at the center. Center for AIDS. Yes.

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There's a there's a little article in that this week about people who they're talking about the long term survivors and people that don't really they're HIV positive, but it never blows over to AIDS. And if they've discovered a certain protein, oh, those people have. And it's like point 8% of the population. Oh, and it just never kicks over for them. So we're making strides.

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We're making strides. We indeed are little by little by little, but I want you to stay home and take care of yourself. Oh, well, honey,

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it's not like I have a choice. I would be hacking on the radio and it would not be pretty.

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I was just talking about the thing.

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coughing up a lung is not no no.

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With low blood pressure 100 pulse of 130 We're just racing away I wish I had some more HOTTEST. No, I wouldn't know what the other thing I want to take. You know what tomorrow is

at four o'clock. Know what Debbie not ball.



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That's right. It sure is. Where's



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Debbie not ball for I think it's four o'clock tomorrow at. I just kind of card on it the other day at some yes with insomnia. No, no, no,



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no it isn't. It's not there know that. What's there? We're gonna be talking about it on the new segment Sonoma. Sonoma Sonoma. That's right.



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15 California Avenue. or o'clock to seven \$5. Oh, it's



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fun to I've been to one before



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get viewed not. Why two? Yes.



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Well, you know, Bruce Reeves. Yeah, he was a W not one year. If you can imagine him in a white dress with puff sleeves. His shoulders were six feet across.



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Well, that's a visual. Gonna be good. The problem is I left all my really good jokes at the office. I was gonna tell you a couple. I've heard some really good ones. And I had a couple of things that came across our r&d lab. I came and taught him our little wonderful research group. On Earth a few crazy thing. Oh, really. And there was a thing that I think a lot of people got one about this new census that's going on right now. In fact, it's in the voice this week, which I was glad to see. I think about making sure you fill out your Census if you're a partner person. That's

right. That is very, very important work to do. Yes. Plus the march on Washington's coming up in a month. Sure is. Somebody sent out some stuff on George Bush, about Texas and in various categories across the country and things. Yes. And it basically said like, if you'd like to see on a national level, just vote for George. That was kind of an interesting,



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that really was like we're 50th in air, everything and air pollution. And you know, it's



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number one and killing. Yeah. In I think we're on our 12 Execute execution and three months.



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And this year. Yeah.



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Yeah, we're right up there on that one.



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I think he kills one a week. Just it's right



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around that. Yeah. So it's useful to exonerate them, you know, two years after they're gone. Yeah. Well, we,



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you know, we need to probably be thinking about some of that. It's gonna be a long eight months from now it'll sure. Sure is. We need to get our little selves in a group here. Yeah. And so I knew Debbie NetBond wanted to talk about that. I wanted. Oh, I know the other thing, if all you straights, gays, UPS, downs, everything in the whole wide world who who's ever isn't doing anything tomorrow before the Debye? Not ball? Yeah, the art colony. Basically, Art Festival. predominate, especially the art colony is going on at Memorial Park. Oh, really nice. Really nice. Very nice. Gonna be a nice warm day tomorrow. Be great to get out. And there's some really good artists that I saw. I had to go over there today. Because I had to be in one shop for a couple of minutes. Definitely. But there's some really great stuff going on. Really, really nice. And thank God, you have you can park and take these little shuttles and things. Oh, I didn't know. Oh, yeah, they're all over town, you can park and take the shuttle to get there. And

which really is the favor, in a lot of ways because parking and walking along way is, is kind of tough. But you can do that. And it's really, they got a lot of stuff going on. We got stuff for kids and got interactive, creative art place for kids where they make things, stuff, and they've got great exhibits of artists and stuff. It's really, really pretty cool. So that's happening and then the Debye not W not. And



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the other thing that's happening that is at three o'clock tomorrow afternoon, is the Gay Men's Chorus. Oh, that's right. That's right. Yeah, they had they did tonight. And they're doing with one more tomorrow, three o'clock at the Kaplan Theatre of the Jewish Community Center. Oh, that's right. Yeah. I know. It's such a cool day. You know, it's just hard to to get it all in.



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Well, and I was gonna tell you, you know, next on April 2, the crew of Olympus is having a deal at Santa Fe and Sunday afternoon. Oh, they're doing they're showing the ball video.



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Is that their rush party? The rush party. Okay. Oh, that's always fun. Food to Yeah, usually.



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And there's just, I was trying to hit I was trying to think there was up and down the road piece here. There's a And then of course, Mr. Prime choice.



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Oh, yes. No. And I know you're sorry that you're



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a master daddy auction, I think on the 16th. Really? Yeah. I think the brotherhood of paints, but now



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that gyms are gaining you'll have more information on that. Well,



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I hope he does. I think I'm supposed to be one of the judges.

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Oh, wow. Well, you know, lucky you. How do you how do you get the I mean, I don't I don't get stuff like this

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you know, April statement, this is determined. I know. Yeah. From the, you know, the jungle last party on the 22nd. That's going to be major honey, BBC. And then Oh, snap. I mean, it's just a ton of stuff coming up. So get those radio boys out there to work on their upcoming whatever. So people can plan their social calendar to fit everything in like tomorrow. You'd have three things to do.

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Yeah. Yeah. It's it's incredible. I love our community.

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This is the season that any four kids do. Yeah. All right. It's gonna be fun.

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Okay, well, you rest up.

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So excited about your good news. Thank you. And I really think that that's, you know, we can talk a lot about, you need to, you need to take your medicines, and I know you do very faithfully.

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Right, that's very important to, you know, I've started talking about being HIV positive when I first came to the show, because I thought that I was able, this was 1988. And I thought, you know, I can do it. There's a lot of people, especially in 1988, who did not want to let anyone know, they were HIV. Oh, no, that was not smart. No,

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no, taking care of people in the city at that time. And there was a mini baby, no, no, baby,



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no, yeah. Cuz you'd lose your insurance or your job or anything. And so your apartment. So as, as the years wore on, you know, my, my system kept getting lower and lower. And I thought, Okay, I'm gonna, I'm just gonna let people know what my system is doing and let them know exactly what AIDS does to you. And what do you know, here I am getting better, you're still there? Yeah. Good for you would have thought who would have thunk and you better not go.



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There is some of the stuff that is very important, like taking your drugs in a timely manner.



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It's very important. It's very important to take them in a timely manner and on schedule. However, it's also very important not to live by this timetable. You know, you have a life. And if all you're doing is thinking about taking medication, no, but I mean, like, yeah,



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it'd be be consistent. Yes. And eat correctly. And think of it as a holistic approach to living with AIDS and that diamond, you do your math, that's important that your physical part, you need your mental part, like, if you want to count, get to a counselor, get rid of all these old junk on on your head resentment, and frustration with family and to foster more lovers. Data yet clear up all that stuff, get a new fresh look on the world and on people and all that and get rid of all and put all those resentments and crap behind you, and come up with some. I think everyone needs spirituality. I mean, whatever it is, I mean, an organized religion, but it means you have to be in touch with the cosmos, something I don't care what you call it, but some higher power be in touch with something great, bigger and greater than this world and, you know, time every day to figure that out. And so you got body, mind, soul spirit and put it all together. And then he comes down the people that think more about it than they do about themselves. And that is the key.



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Well, I'll tell you four years ago, when my T cell count was down to 60 instance right before I was got onto protease inhibitors. I was thinking I moved into a new apartment and I thought okay, this is where I'm gonna die. I'll probably half a year or two. And so I did something that I've never done before and I started growing plants. And I think it was the idea that even though I'm dying, I'm creating life here, you know, by helping plants grow. And it works so well. I'm doing better than my plants. I'll tell you I never did get a green thumb but it



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made me throw my luck



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don't do that. Do do not do that.



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No, I promise you and I'm very very sorry. I'm not there. And I miss being on the radio and I miss telling crazy jokes.



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I know it's so much fun when you're here, little



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friends down there and but I owe you one. So If something screws up or somebody else during the month or next month whatever screws up, let me know. Okay, cover



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neuron you're on. Okay, okay, but you said you stay home and you get



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when you get well so you can do this next. Tea and honey.



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Just like just like I told the guys from the last show one was kind of croupy tea and honey tea and honey.



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Honey, tea and honey.



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Honey, no love anything but time on your hands. You need

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to make time for yourself and just Yeah,

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but the one of the medicines I take you can't have any caffeine so I'd have to have some kind of green. Oh decaf tea with honey. I'd rather have Honey Honey, honey, honey.

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Well, I have to I can't take

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that. With the time you take antibiotics. Yeah, two different inhalers. These damn steroids. And like every four hours, two puffs of this and put in the time to fit T in

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there's no time to sleep

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mixed up and they worry anyway. Yeah.

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Horrible. You take care. I'm gonna

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try. Okay. Everybody have a really good choose. Sorry, play. That's a wonderful music.

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Oh, yeah, I got plenty to play to.



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And we'll see you take care. You too. Love you, baby.



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Love you. Bye.



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there we go. There we go. Yeah. Party leader even though he's



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hacking up along. Yeah, Alexandra. Let us know. Is



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there good. Good. This is good. I don't know what happened with that phone patch. And it's supposed to be working



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because there's you remember that movie Ghost in the Machine? Yeah, there's convinced. Okay, it's here.



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I think you're right. Let's go to a piece of music then. Mark waggle was supposed to be here this month. And he went to Hawaii instead. Can you imagine? Oh, well,



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you know



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Oh, before I do that, I didn't even tell people what the what the music was at the beginning of the show. Christian and Draya sin local boy with a boy called Sue really great song about about being truthful to your friends. He wasn't because he was afraid he would lose a friendship and and that just got stronger because he told the truth. Like a lot of stories Yeah. And then another local group before that true soul with trusting in you. Good music from true self. And you can contact them at kaleida soul@juno.com kaleida ke L E ID that's all so you well hello@gmail.com Yeah, good music good music. And so Mark waggle with it's a cute little song but it doesn't have it real good messages. You know it's nice Pepe song called Oz and it's about bad lovers. So hey, you know ya know you know that's part of life too. It's there and you're listening to it on after hours queer radio with attitude on KPFT Houston and ke O 's College Station



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Mark Weigel with us from his CD The truth is and that is available at Lobo I saw it there today. I was there at the Lobo Tyria having a white you have when I get up in the morning you have to have food with parents and well Okay, nevermind. Morning for me somewhere in the world. Morning. This is after hours. I'm Jimmy Chris is here. And we want to I want to read something. email that I got. And Chris and I are gonna chat because you sent it to me. Yeah, it. It came out the after hours. kpft@hotmail.com And it's from Ruben. And that. Let's see. I'd like to thank you for the current segment with big Roy and Francisco Sanchez. That was Francisco interviewing big Roy about stone All right, and the Hispanic dark show



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two years ago.



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There are two reasons Latinos tend to self segregate from the general gay community. The first is that our culture is based on a different language, just like Jimmy Carter was pointing out about gays having their own slang and culture are markers. And that's true. Yeah, that's true. And different slang different language there that that an Anglo would not understand. You have to be born sure to get all the newest nuance,



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even Northern and Southern talk has has a different style.



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That's right. Yeah. The second is a perceived hostility from the same white gays probably the same ones who voiced their dislike of lesbians and the transgendered and I have to agree with that, too.



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Yeah, it's unfortunately we're not a united no community. It's it's strange when all the opposition says that. We have this massive agenda, but we can't even decide on what to call ourselves. Sometimes.



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You might have to address this. Some of after hours, guests have unconsciously voiced that hostility. For instance.