

- Made your New Year's resolution yet? Well, why bother? It's an utterly ridiculous waste of time and energy to even speak of those annual impossible to keep promises that you always break by the second week of January. So why not cut yourself a little slack this year and stay the way you are?

Let's face it, no matter how good your intentions are or how much willpower you kick off the new year with, you know you're not going to get very far with the really important resolutions. You're not going to lose weight, you're not going to start saving money, and God knows you're not going to stop cruising the bus stations. So why not just resolve to accept yourself exactly as you are now? Just relax, and enjoy yourself while your friends struggle with their usual resolutions, some of which we've tried to illustrate with this pictorial.

Of course, you can't see the pictures, but some of these are hilarious.

- [LAUGHS]

- I like the one on the other side of this-- on the other side of the sheet. It says, "In 1992 I swear I'm going to find an alternative to the same old tired faces in the bars." And it looks like-- it looks kind of like Aunt B's Ladies Auxiliary from Andy Griffin here. Picture. [LAUGHS] And the second one is, "I'm going to join the church and try to focus on the spiritual side of things." This looks like Elvira surrounded in candles.

So if you have a copy of TWIT, you can find this article in there this week. It's really cute and it really points out something, I think, that is really interesting. Like I said earlier is that, I just don't want to disappoint myself with what I'm not going to do. And I'm not going to make promises that I'm not going to try to keep.

So I try to keep a low profile around New Year's Day so I don't have to make promises to people. I'd like to do a lot of things. And I think about those things. And I kind of schedule my year out, but I don't make any promises I'm not going to keep to myself.

- Well, I think that's real good. And I think a lot of us have expectations, a lot of times, for things that don't come through. And I know my therapist is always saying, those are expectations. Are they realistic? You expect this person to do this, but have you told this person that? You have to be we've got to be realistic. We've got to be real and true to ourselves.

And we've got to be true to ourselves before we can be true to anybody else. And it's a lesson that I keep learning the hard way. But New Year's resolutions are something, I guess, I learned about a long time ago. [LAUGHS] So when someone asks me if I'm going to make any New Year's resolutions my answer is, well, I may try to improve in the new year, but resolutions are definitely out of the question.

But I usually try to have a few friends over and eat the black eyed peas and the cabbage and the ham so I can get good luck in the coming new year. And I'm a superstitious old soul. So giving up that tradition is difficult.

- I'm a party pooper. I really don't do very much. I usually am in bed before midnight. And quite often my lover and I lay there and we whisper to each other about what we're looking forward to. Actually, what we do is we try to go over the last year and see where we've grown or changed or things have changed around us. And it's kind of a renewal time for us. And we like to get cozy and quiet and talk about those things.

- It's-- definitely helps to go back and look at, well, where was I last year and where did I want to be? And did I do something I wanted to do? And yeah, that's good. And if not, well, maybe why didn't I get there and how can I get there? I was talking about that phone call earlier from our caller.

There was a comment in the comment section of the TWIT this week that I think is real applicable. And if you're still listening, I'd like you to hear this. Being gay. Dear TWIT, yes, we may be gays in a world of straights who will never accept us as we are, but being gay is nothing to be ashamed of, even though we hide away.

Being gay is a world of its own. People come and people go. But most who come are here to stay. We are human and our needs are few. We share our feelings the same as you.

We love, we hurt, we lose, and hurt just as you. Yes, we may be gay, but we are as normal as you. And all we want is to be loved and wanted the same as you, but never abused. Did we not hurt the same as you when we lose one of our life?

We are not something that you can love for a while and then throw us away as if we never cared. Yes, we are human. And our needs are true. Because all we want is to be the same as you. Give us hope, give us love, give us the most precious thing of all. Give us the right to live in a world that was meant for all.

And that's from Linda Sinclair in Magnolia, Arkansas. And it really hit home with me when I read that this afternoon. And then the phone call this evening really kind of brought that back into perspective. You are listening to *After Hours*. Continuing tradition here at KPFT. And we've got some more music for you.

We've got lots more discussion that we're probably going to be doing this evening about the new year, and what it means to us, and where we want to go, and where *After Hours* is going. So be sure and stick with us. And we'll be back in a few minutes.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

- [INAUDIBLE] that's right for you. Monday mornings at 1:00 AM, join me at [INAUDIBLE], your traffic guru galore. So look into KPFT's basement and find those great songs of the past, and nowadays make the hair on your back stand up. [INAUDIBLE] will have the blast from the past trivia and our new segment called "Hugo's Fashion Tips," as he breaks out of his one piece jumpsuit to bring you the latest on the clothes you are considering throwing away.

Are they in? Can they be resurrected? That's Hugo's Fashion Tips. We'll also bring you the accidents of the week. Yes, those nasty accidents that caused all those traffic tie ups but now are over.

And remember, if you see an accident, don't stop and stare at it. It only causes traffic jams. Now it can be heard Monday mornings at 1:00 AM on KPFT. 90.1 Pacifica Radio in Houston.

[MUSIC - VILLAGE PEOPLE, "YMCA"]

- Amigos, [SPEAKING SPANISH]

- And you're listening to KPFT 90.1 FM Houston. And this is the *After Hour* show, a continuing tradition here at KPFT. A couple of comments I guess. We had a phone call, the caller wanted to know if we called someone a "twit" a few minutes ago. I guess that could use a little explanation if you're not familiar with the publication. Publication is called *This Week in Texas*. And its initials are *TWIT*. More commonly, *TWT*.

And it's often referred to in the community as "the *TWIT*." So when we say the *TWIT* we're talking about a publication. Also, we had several requests for dedications tonight. And I'm just going to read them real quick. We may or may not get the music played, but I want to at least acknowledge the fact that you call.

To Eric and Ryan, I love you from Kevin. We had a request to go out to Megan and Sarah. And one to Jay from Matt. So we'd like to thank you for calling and again, we'll try to get to the music as time permits.

Joel, you and I were talking a few minutes ago about how we kind of personally go back and look at the year and judge where we are today by the things that have happened in the last year. And of course, that's something that we can do with the community as well. And I know This Week in Texas did hit several of the highlights this year.

And I'm sure we have our own personal things that we consider were highlights during the year. Obviously, the Brian Broussard slaying and several of the other hate crimes have been very powerful movers in our community. They've mobilized a lot of people that might not have otherwise ever gotten involved.

- Yeah, it's a horrible way to ignite a fuse. But ignite it did. And the community is really working hard on getting groups together and organizations together. Getting lights put on the streets and putting patrols out there, and working with the police department. And I might add that the police department has beefed up their patrol of the area periodically.

They don't do it every night, but they are increasing. And I'm really glad to see that. I've been really disappointed with our police department. And it's a shame that something like this has to happen to good people for them to get more involved in our community. But as we stand now, there has been some growth in that. And their connection, our police department's connection, to this community, which is a good thing.

A couple of the other things that have happened because of these things occurring on our streets are people are looking around and being more alert about their surroundings in the street, which means more and more people are going to be safe. People are paying-- are beginning to stay in groups on the streets. So when they do walk, they're walking in numbers instead of alone.

So that's a good thing. You can't be as innocent as we used to be. The world has changed and we have to change to keep up with it. And it's not a safe world anymore, and we have to pay attention to what's around us.

- That's true.

- And these things bring us-- bring those ugly facts to mind in a horrible way. So tell that's the hate crimes we've had have made this community grow.

- And of course, I think also because of the hate crimes, I believe queer nation is in the process of trying to form what they call a "Q Patrol." Which will be a group of people with walkie talkies and to kind of walk around the Montrose and keep an eye out for things that may happen. And hopefully be a deterrent to those things happening.

- I remember when Kit van Cleave tried to do that. Was it Kit?

- Right, the Guardian Angels--

- The Guardians Angels, who--

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

- --laughed off the streets by the local authorities. But I admired Kit immensely and her and the effort that she made in this community.

- And the Guardian Angels were here for quite some time. They were a very large presence in the community and were very helpful.

- Yes, they were.

- They were still very active, in fact, when the police finally came in and closed down Westheimer on Saturday nights. It wasn't a major strip, the Guardian Angels were out there assisting in that. And that was a-- they were a very big help. They were very visible and I think that was-- any time you have a group of people actively perusing the streets that look somewhat official in whatever capacity, yeah, it's always beneficial to everyone.

- Some of the other things we could talk about are the elections that we've gone through this year. Ann Richards is governor. Yay, yay, yay.

- Yay.

- I haven't seen a lot from her yet, but I expect a lot from her. And like you said earlier, does she know what I expect? Of course, she does.

[LAUGHTER]

I send her letters. I send every one of my politicians and representatives that I can, including Jesse Helms, a note now and then, to let them know what I think of the job they're doing. And I send Jesse the same letter time and time again. It says [BLOWS RASPBERRY].

[LAUGHTER]

- I hope that works. Yeah, if you'd like to write Ann Richards a letter, you can write her at 620 Congress Avenue, number 300. And that's Austin, Texas, 78701. I'm sure she'd be glad to hear anything you have to say concerning what you'd like to see the state government in Texas doing. And of course, I had the horrible misfortune this morning, I guess, of finding out that there's been a special session of the legislature called to deal with redistricting.

So the legislature is going back in session. Texas isn't safe anymore.

- That's right.

- [LAUGHS]

- God. They're back in the house.

- They're going back in. So we'll see what happens with that. It's going to be interesting to see what happens with the primaries come March. Because that's obviously a big hangup right now with the primaries coming on.

- We also got Glenn Maxey in office. We didn't do it here, I don't think, we had a whole lot to do with. I'm sure some of the dollars from here went to his campaign.

- No doubt.

- But I think that getting someone like Glenn elected, whether they be in my district or someone else's district, is important because it's always easier to get the second guy in than the first guy.

- That's true. And it's nice to know that Texas has a gay representative--

- I'd like to hear Marvin Zindler do that song.

- Duh. It could be special. And then of course in the Houston election, we had openly gay politician, Annise Parker, ran for office. She wasn't elected, but did get a very good showing in her run for office.

- Excellent, excellent. I was so proud.

- And no doubt we will see more of Annise as time progresses. It's always good to have quality politicians running for office, whether they are successful in that bid or not. Any time a gay politician is out stomping the streets, they're spreading the word that, "I am good. I've got good ideas. I'm not just a one issue candidate." But you know--

- And that was--

- [INAUDIBLE] broad base of support.

- That was Annise's whole platform right there, in a nutshell. That she had a lot of things to say and that they were only tempered by her being gay. They were not because she was gay. And I thought that was real important.

I asked Annise to come over and talk at the care center. And she was extremely articulate and friendly. And the guys just loved her immensely. We're passing notes here.

- [LAUGHS]

- I was really proud as a lesbian for the world. And literally the world was aware of Annise. My parents actually asked me about her. And they live in the other side of the world, which is called North Carolina.

And they actually asked me about the election, because they had heard something in a short item in their local news, which was really interesting to me. I didn't think that they even use those kind of words in North Carolina. So I was glad that it was Annise representing us to the world.

And I was glad about-- I know that wasn't this year, I'm sorry, that was last year, sorry. Let me take that back.

- [LAUGHS] Chris, another thing that happened this year was the Houston Post fired Juan Palomo and that caused a great outcry from not only the gay, community but also the Hispanic community. Because one of their people, one of our people, had been fired from the Houston Post. He was later reinstated.

His column now appears on the editorial page, but it's nice to know that a member of our communities is still out there in the mainstream press where we can see them and where we know they're there. And there's undoubtedly a lot of people on-- with both papers that are that are gay and lesbian. But Juan, at the moment, is one of the few openly gay people.

- He showed extraordinary courage.

- Yeah, it's nice to see that that's there.

- I met him. He's a very, very gentle person.

- He's very personable.

- Very, very large man. Well, over 6 foot, but very, very gentle.

- And he was on the *After Hours* show. I know he was also on the *Wilde 'N Stein* show this last year, so yeah. It was definitely a major event in our community.

- That was another event triggered by the murder of Paul Broussard, because that's what Juan was writing about when he wanted to come out and--
  - Yes. And the post--
  - And the post wouldn't let him.
  - So he came out in the Houston Press. And then things went from there. Another other thing that happened this year was that the Texas Attorney General appealed the 2106 ruling. The 2106 was overturned, but it was only overturned for Travis County. The ruling that overturned--
  - Don't everybody move to Travis County at once.
  - Travis County didn't really-- the last time I heard, they were still really unsure whether that had any effect on anyone else anywhere else in the state of Texas. The attorney general has recently chosen to appeal that law. They're going to appeal 2106. And they're appealing the decision because they want the ruling-- they want it appealed and overturned for the entire state.
  - That's correct.
  - And the only way to do that is to appeal it to a court at a level that can do that for the entire state. Chris, there was the March on Austin for Lesbian and Gay Rights this past spring.
  - Which my lover and I attended and loved. We have met so many wonderful people from there who are still in touch with us and visit with us--
  - A march like that is always phenomenal because even-- and I've found sometimes I go with a group of people and I find that I wind up marching with that group of people and I don't really meet people at all or--
  - I saw you there, didn't we see each other there?
  - I think so.
  - We saw each other.
  - Judi and I were there. Her parents were with us. Her mother marched alongside us and we pushed her farther up the avenue in the wheelchair. So we were very glad that they were there to show support for both of us.
- That meant a lot to her and it meant just as much to me too. I would hope someday that my parents will be out there marching. And of course, looking at marches and big things coming down the pike, coming up in October of 1992, the quilt will be unfurled between the Capitol and the Washington Monument, covering the entire mall in Washington, DC. That'll be Columbus Day weekend.
- And then in April of 1993 will be the 3rd march on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights. There were 650,000 plus people there in 1987 when we marched last. And the goal for the new march is to have more than one million people march on the state Capitol.
- I'll be looking for a ride.
  - Even as 650,000, it was one of the largest marches ever, at that point, in the US history. And of course, 1 million plus will be even more. And Debra Bell from the Houston community is on the Regional Committee and will also be representing the regional-- the region at the national meeting, which is coming up sometime soon in Los Angeles, I believe.

So there's three or four people from the Houston community representing--

- That is a good choice.

- --regional in march. And the goals for the march are 50%-- [YAWNS] represent-- 50% representation of people of color and 50% of both sexes. So things are looking up for that. Things are well in progress.

Of course, in August, the Republicans are coming to Houston for their national convention. And I know there are several active chapters around the nation and--

- Oh yeah.

- --queer nation are already gearing up for that. It will undoubtedly be a major event--

- Saving their pennies for bail.

- And the Democrats are meeting somewhere. And I don't even know where right now.

- That's the problem.

[LAUGHTER]

Nobody can find the Democrats.

- But nobody can find the candidates right now, so we'll see. Hopefully by August they'll have figured out what's going on. And hopefully sooner than that primary start in March. But things are moving right along for the new year. Things have really been happening in 1991.

We'll be talking in just a few minutes about some of the shows that you've heard here on *After Hours* in 1991. We try to have a different guest every week to bring information to you about what's going on in the gay and lesbian community in Houston. And that's kind of the way things continue to move. So stay with us and we'll be back in a few minutes. You're listening to KPFT 90.1 FM Houston.

- *Talk of the Earth*, KPFT's environmental show, has a new habitat. It's 12:00 noon to 1:00 PM on Fridays, right after the BBC News. So tune in for Barbara Link and her guest, to hear the latest on what's happening with the environment.

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- And we'd like to say hello to Harlan at the ballpark.

- Hi, Harlan.

- So the year's really been kind of long, I guess, looking at--

- [LAUGHS]

- We got a summary of the highlights of *After Hours* for 1991. There's really been-- to really look at it. There's been a lot of guest on the show in the last year. The 1991 shows, the first show of the year started out with "Everything Possible" by The Flirtations. And Jimmy and Buddy called some 976 numbers on the air that night, just to show how futile it can be.

- I'll bet that was an interesting show.

- [LAUGHS] What have you got over there, Jewel?

- Well, I see a lot of things over here. Some of them that really stand out was Tony Knight, the president of the HGLPC was a guest, and talked about, let's see, the queer bashing going on. I think that was August the 3rd, that'd be right around the same time Paul Broussard was murdered. So that was close.

- In February Sandra Cochran, an eighth grader, wrote us her history project, an overview on the gay and lesbian movement. And hopefully, we'll be able to bring that back to the show. We're going to try to see if we can get Sandra to record that for herself. And we'll try to use that on the air sometime soon.

- They had John Paul Barnes on May 25. He's from the AIDS Foundation, talking about the Memorial Day service and the erecting of the crosses. Do you remember of that little--

- Oh, yes.

- [INAUDIBLE] that went up? [LAUGHS]

- And the Gay Fathers and Fathers First were on during the year. Evelyn Cox, the director of the AIDS Foundation, came and talked a little bit about Stone Soup. Glen Maxey was on the air in April.

- We did Remembering Stonewall June the 22nd. We talked to Juan Palomo, a couple of times it looks like. He was here a couple of times. The Gay and Lesbian Switchboard had some people here, Ron and Rose. We had a Queer Nation report on the little altercation we were having with green sheet. I think we're still having, aren't we?

- Probably. I can't keep up with the boycotts.

- Oh, me neither. Me neither. I just rely on the local publications to keep me informed.

- Steve from the bowling league and Bill from Montrose softball were both here talking about some of the bar alternatives. There's a lot of different sports groups in town. Of course, the bowling leagues on Monday and Thursday nights. Montrose softball. There's the Houston Outdoor Group.

Any number of groups, lots of professional type organizations. Michael Crawford came from Queer Nation to talk about queer visibility and Black gay problems.

- Suzy Wager with the Texas Human Rights Foundation was here in early June and in late September. Ken Ansell was here from the Montrose Counseling Center. And he talked about the programs that they have over there. Let's see.

- Rob Bridges from HTLPC was here to talk about the redistricting problems. Of course, one of the things that the gay community had hoped to establish in 1991 was a gay district. District C, which contains Montrose, is primarily in the Montrose area. But it also extends way out, even includes I think a little bit of Fort Bend County.

So they were trying to-- in redistricting, trying to get the district so that it would be more of a gay and lesbian district. James McKinley and Clyde Williams came and talked about some of the plans for the Montrose Activity Center, and their hopes to actually have a building, an activity center, a physical building to meet in some day.

- That's exciting.

- So there's been several guests. Several, I guess--



- Diverse, very diverse groups.

- And different things that have upset the community in 1991. They've all been discussed here on *After Hours*. And that's undoubtedly something we're going to continue doing in 1992. We've got, currently, a staff of about six people that'll be helping to bring you the show each week. And I'd like to go ahead right now and thank Jewel for being up here tonight, even though she's feeling bad.

And Kevin for coming in a little while ago and saving me music-wise. Because I was about to pull my hair out in here. But we've got about six people so far, maybe one or two more in the hallways still trying to decide what they want to do. It'll be here every week as your host and co-host and engineers.

We're all unpaid volunteers. KPFT is a public radio station. That means it's furnished for the public by the public about the public. And it brings you many diverse programs, from *Music From India* to *Blues for You*, which will be coming up after us at 4:00, to gay and lesbian shows. There's three gay and lesbian shows currently on KPFT.

There's *After Hours*, which of course, you're listening to now, which is heard from Saturday Night at midnight till 4:00 Sunday morning. *Wilde 'N Stein* is on from 9:00 until 10:00 PM, Mondays. And *Breakthroughs* heard from 9:00 until noon on Fridays. So there's three different gay and lesbian programs. We come to you three times a year to ask for your support financially.

The station's budget is about a half a million. And that pretty much goes real fast. And that money has to come from you, our listeners.

- And I'll tell you, it's not spent on the wallpaper.

- [LAUGHS] Jewel said she worked a lot with this station about nine years ago. And she said the burlap in here in the control room hasn't changed any, except for maybe a few extra water spots in that time. So most of the station's budget goes to paying the few actual staff that are paid. I think there's about six staff positions that are actually funded. Paying for rent, paying for tower rent, license fees, and the whole gamut.

All the time. Each program is done by a programmer, a volunteer here at the station. And the station needs a lot of volunteers. Marathon will be coming up in January. I believe it's from January 10 through the 24th. And they'll be needing volunteers during that time to answer phones.

If you'd like to answer phones for Marathon, you can call 526-4000 and leave a message now, or call during regular business hours and leave a message. They'll be glad to put you to work during those two weeks. There's a lot of things that can be done. There's a lot of things that can be done almost any time here at the station.

So if you're interested in helping with public radio, be sure and call 526-4000. If you'd like to help with *After Hours*, you can call us at 526-5737, 526-KPFT, and leave a message with Judy and tell her what you're interested in doing or how you'd like to help. And we'll try to get back to you and see where we can put you to work. There's always something that can be done around here.

- Always.

- So have you got any big plans for 1992?

- Ooh, big plans. You caught me off guard here. I was thinking about the decor. Big plans. Well, I really have been planning on taking a vacation. I mean, a serious vacation. One where you plot out your travel maps and you put your money aside for a year ahead of time. I've been thinking about--

- Oh, I'm supposed to put money ahead--

- Right, right, right.

- No, I guess that's right.

- Yeah, that's the thing. You have to put it in. So I've been kind of thinking about doing that and maybe perhaps taking one of those cruises, those gay cruises that they have. They have one that leaves San Francisco for Alaska. I've always wanted to see the Alaskan Coast in the summer. And I think maybe we'll do that in the late summer.

- OK, well--

- It's not that expensive.

- Yeah, they're really not. And they sound like a lot of fun. So if you do that, you'll have to take a tape recorder with you--

- [INAUDIBLE] lesbians I don't know what to do.

- You can do a little work for KPFT while you're there. We played a lot of Venus Envy last week. We had several people that called and said, you know, what was the name of that album and where did it come from? And the group was Venus Envy, the album title was, *I'll be a Homo for Christmas*.

- It's great.

- And this one came from Inklings. There may be some other-- Lobo may carry some music. I don't know whether they carry this one. Most any of the stores that care gay and lesbian music will be happy to order it for you if they don't have it, even though it's beyond the Christmas season. I'm sure they're still more than willing to sell anything they can.

There is a cut on here that I think is still very applicable, especially since we do have one more holiday coming up. It's called New Year's.

- Please be careful.

- Yes, please do. The title of the song is, "I Hate Holidays."

The Seattle Gay Men's Chorus and "Over the Rainbow." Of course, that song is very special to most of us in the gay and lesbian community. And I guess hearing it right now here at New Year's Eve, when we're trying to think about where we want things to be in 1992. Of course, wouldn't it be great if we could wake up on New Year's day and be over the rainbow and the whole world would have awoken.

All the walls will have fallen, like the walls in the Soviet Union have recently fallen. But the walls against prejudice and bigotry, if they could just all go away overnight, what a wonderful world it would be. Of course, there's been several news articles this week. One, I guess, of particular interest to me since I keep up with these things more than others. I don't know why.

But apparently this year's flu vaccine is producing false results on the AIDS test. I think it's also producing hepatitis C, they said. And something else, which I can't even pronounce, and I'm not going to try. But maybe that in itself will help cause some more research to be done. Because eventually the blood supply is going to become in danger.

Not because of bad blood, but because of lack of blood. Because I mean, most everyone I know anymore gets a flu vaccine. Because the flu was so horrible, I know Jewel's going to get it next year. [LAUGHS] Aren't you, Jewel?

- Ooh. Yeah.

- [LAUGHS] So that's been kind of interesting. And then, of course, there was another article in the Voice this week that said there's a two year study, has determined that the AIDS virus is not found in sweat.

- Yay. Took them long enough. Yay.

- Yeah, it was found in almost every other body fluid, but not in sweat. So if you're heavy into frottage, well, it's OK because you can't get it that way, folks. But we knew that already anyway. And then of course, there's this wonderful new book out that says that actors Laurence Olivier and Danny Kay were lovers--

- Oh, that's my favorite.

- [LAUGHS] It never ceases to amaze me who all is and isn't. But then, we all kind of figured they both were anyway, I think, but-- [INAUDIBLE], Jewel.

- Oh, I'm just thinking about Danny Kay and Sir Laurence Olivier.

- It's a frightening thought.

- Oh, yes. I just can't imagine them with the lights out in between the sheets. I can see Olivier. Alas, poor Danny, I knew him well.

[LAUGHTER]

I can just see it.

- And Scarlett watching.

- Yes.

- Oh, god. That's just exciting. You were talking about the walls coming down. I think that's a monumental thing for us in our time. Some of you young listeners may not be aware of how important this is. This is history. Pay attention to what's going on around us because someday some children are going to want to know and we're going to be the only ones left to tell them.

This is mega important what we're seeing in the world around us today. Sometimes programs like this kind of want to focus in on the local community, but it's just as important sometimes to pay attention to the world community. And right now is a good time, so read the paper. Listen to the news. Pay attention to what's happening around the world these days.

- Definitely. It's another thing, of course, that we like to do here on *After Hours*. We like to go back and see who some of the important people and what some of the important exciting events that have happened during this week in the past have been. And the year 418 BC on what is now Christmas Day, Epaminondas was born in Thebes, according to the gay book of days.

He was one of the great military geniuses of the ancient world. But since he was born on Christmas Day, he's included here. Not because of his victories in battle, but because he was revered for his moral character. He was revered also since he had risen from an impoverished family because of his goodness, strength, and character.

He was like other Greek warriors, homosexual, but with a difference. He never married. And did not produce an heir. His delight in boys was complete in itself for him. His two favorite boys Asophicus and Leuctra, both fell in battle, as did he. And both, by his order, were buried with him in his tomb. Fascinating.

- Yeah, it's good to know our history.

- Ooh, that one sounds like fun. On the 27th, Marlene Dietrich, only a boulder would suggest that you look up the silly passages on Marlene Dietrich and the incompatibilities-- incomparably silly *Here Lies the Heart* by Mercedes de Acosta. Look up these silly passages on Marlene Dietrich in the incomparably silly *Here Lies the Heart* by Mercedes de Acosta. They are guaranteed to be far sillier than the silly sections on Greta Garbo, honest.

And let's see. On today in 1936, CUNY professor and author, *Hidden Heritage History and the Gay Imagination*, Byrne Fone was born. And of course, that brings to mind an interesting news story that was occurring as I was leaving home to come up here tonight. In New York, there was a college this evening having a basketball and rap concert fundraiser for AIDS. And a number of people were trampled to death, a number of others were injured. And I'm sure we'll have more on that as the week continues.

FW Murnau was born in 1888 and Manuel Puig-- I hope I said that right-- a writer, who wrote *Betrayed* by Rita Hayworth, is 58 today. Of course, this was not current. So he's older than that today. I guess he used 59 because this is 1990. So it's amazing, sometimes, the little things that we can find out about the world in which we live.

But 1992 should be a fun year. Again, we're going to kick off the year. Kevin will be here next week as your host. We're not sure yet who his guest is, but I'm sure he knows by now, hopefully. The two weeks after that are Marathon. So we may not have a guest per se, but we'll see how things work out.

Kay will be here the week after that. And I believe we've got several people lined up. So as I said, we've got about six full time hosts that will be with you one a week for some time to come. And hopefully we'll have more than that here on any given day. But we are changing and if you would like to make comments about the show, what you'd like to see, drop us a note at 419 Lovett, in care of KPFT.

And the zip code is 77006. Or you can call us at 526-5738, 526-KPFT. And I think we've got a little more music. We've got a little note here. Manuel Puig wrote *Kiss of the Spider Woman*. Is that what that says?

- Yeah.

- OK. Well, it looks like "Spider Worm," but Spider Woman sounded better. [LAUGHS] So now we know who he was-- is. So let's listen to a little more music.