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ANNOUNCER: In the heat of the night, we have blues for you on 90.1 FM, KPFT, Houston, Texas, 4:00 AM, Sundays.

HOST: Jane Oliver, "I'm Always Chasing Rainbows" from her album, *Chasing Rainbows*. And before that, we heard "Sweet Honey in the Rock" from their *Breaths* album singing, "Study War No More." So we're having fun here at "After Hours."

JEWEL: Fun. Fun. Fun.

HOST: It's 3:05 AM. We've got lots more music to bring your way. And no doubt, we'll figure out some more to talk about the new year here before the morning is over. 1992 is just around the corner. We're all trying to get ready for it, and trying to assess where we've been in the last year. So stick around with us.

JEWEL: I'll give my predictions in a little while.

HOST: Oh, that ought to be great.

[MUSIC - GLORIA GAYNOR, "I AM WHAT I AM"]

Gloria Gaynor and "I Am What I Am," and goodness knows, I am what I is. Before that, we heard Bonnie Raitt singing "Love Me Like a Man," and ABC, hoop doing "One Better World." And wouldn't it be nice if 1992 brought us one better world?

JEWEL: It has the potential, we just need to work at it.

HOST: That's true. You know, I was reading in the paper the other day, I get *The Houston Chronicle* and I finally found someone who frightens me more than David Duke.

JEWEL: Who?

HOST: Pat Buchanan.

JEWEL: Oh.

HOST: At least I know where David Duke stands.

JEWEL: Yes.

HOST: But Mr. Buchanan was quoted the other day as saying that he wanted to lock up all of the homeless. You know, he's tired of these people coming up to him and asking for help. So he just wants them to all go away.

JEWEL: It sounds like--

HOST: That's his idea of a cleaner world, I guess.

JEWEL: It sounds like the Quarentine PWA's cry heard several years ago.

HOST: Yeah. So--

JEWEL: He probably made that one too.

HOST: He probably did. So The Great Jewel has gone out and cast her hands across the gazing ball and has returned with her predictions for 1992.

JEWEL: Well, I think a few are really serious predictions. I really, really believe wholeheartedly in a couple of these and a couple are kind of ha, ha, predictions. You decide which ones are real and ha, ha. I think the Oilers will take the Super Bowl. Do I have any Oiler fans out there? Yay! The Oilers in the Super Bowl.

HOST: Well, They've got a 50-50 chance, Jewel.

JEWEL: I think they'll take it-- I think they'll take it with a three-point margin.

HOST: That close?

JEWEL: That close. Let's see, I think *Prince of Tides* is an excellent movie. I think it'll take the Oscar for Best Movie this coming up year. We'll see that one really soon. DJ I think Madonna will get back with Shawn this year. I really believe-- I've been listening to some of the things she's been saying in interviews and such. And I kind of think her and Sean are going to get back together. That'll be really exciting.

Let's see, I think I think Saddam Hussein will take a job in Cuba at the end of the year, very near November when it starts getting cool. He'll take a job in Cuba with Castro. They're the last two dinosaurs on the planet, it seems. And they'll need each other to keep each other warm through this coming up winter.

HOST: Isn't the Ayatollah still around somewhere too?

JEWEL: No. He passed away, remember the big thing where they threw his body all over the--

HOST: Nah, and it just didn't occur to me.

JEWEL: Fell right out of the coffin or whatever else. Yeah, he's history. I think the Village People will get back together. What do you think of that?

HOST: All right, yeah.

JEWEL: I think the Village People are going to get back together--

HOST: --and the navy.

JEWEL: --and make another movie with Valerie Perrine, just like the old movie.

HOST: I never saw the first one.

JEWEL: Oh, it was a real winner, believe me. And my fear prediction for next year is that George Bush and Dan Quayle will win the election--

HOST: Could be worse.

JEWEL: --if we don't-- yeah, if we don't do something. If we don't do something real soon, they're going to be running this country for four more years and you know what that means. Deficit, deficit, deficit.

HOST: Depression. Depression. I'd like to buy my house after all.

JEWEL: That's right. They'll be selling our country to the highest bidder. And we, the little people, are going to pay for it, just like we are for the S & L. And so I want to arouse-- I like that word, arouse.

HOST: Aroooooe!

JEWEL: Arouse the multitude out there to do your best and elect your officials based upon your conscience.

HOST: Well, and I'm glad you said that because that reminded me of something that I wanted to say on the air tonight. Our very own John Burgo is moving up in the wonderful world of Democratic politics. He is a precinct chair somewhere in the county. But he's been assigned the task of finding all of the wonderful people to run elections in March. And it seems in Harris County, that they've added some 1,000 new precincts--

JEWEL: Ooh, that's a lot.

HOST: --because of redistricting. And so John is looking for 1,000 bright, intelligent people that think they can manage to run an election. And of course, if you've ever worked an election at all, that obviously would be something in your favor.

But in all likelihood, John is probably getting desperate enough to take anyone that says, hey, I'll work in an election. And I can't think of any better thing we could do in the county of Harris to have most of our people running the elections in March. And especially maybe being the new Democratic precinct chairs for those districts to be gay or lesbian.

JEWEL: That would be really nice.

HOST: That sounds like quite a concept to me. So if you think that might be something that would interest you, you need to call John at Democratic headquarters and leave him a message or talk to him if he's there. Their number is 522-9362. That's 522-9361. Tell him that you're interested. If you live in a precinct and you don't know who your Democratic precinct judge is right now, you need to find that out.

If there's not one at all then, you might be interested in running elections in March and also putting your name on the ballot. The deadline for getting your name on the ballot, I believe, is the 2nd of January. So that's coming up this week. So go ahead and try to call John first thing Monday morning.

Get in touch with him. See what you can do. See what you need to do. And if that sounds interesting to you, go for it because there's definitely only one true way to get involved in this country in the political system. And that's to do it.

JEWEL: I've done that as a matter of fact with my precinct in The Heights several years when I lived up in The Heights. And it was real exciting, got to hobnob and rub elbows with the great and near great. I met Kathy Whitmar when she--

HOST: They do actually pay you money to sit at that poll all day long.

JEWEL: Oh yes, I won't tell you who. But I worked for a major oil company and I would take the day off and be paid and work the precinct election day and be paid. And I really cleaned up those days. That was really nice.

HOST: I've been doing that too. I worked for a major oil company too. We're going to have to get together and talk.

JEWEL: Yeah.

HOST: But so that is a way to get involved. Obviously, if nothing else, if you're not registered to vote, you need to register to vote. Call-- look in the business pages in the blue pages under voter registration in the very front of the book and call that number. And they'll be more than glad to send you a form. Or you can call the HTLPC and they can do the same thing for you.

JEWEL: These people represent us and you and they want to know who you are. So speak up. Meet them. Listen to what they say. Pay attention.

HOST: Plus if you really want to get a good feel for the gay and lesbian community, if you if you've ever thought the gay and lesbian community was disorganized, you need to get involved in Democratic politics so you can find out what this organization is really about.

JEWEL: It really is.

HOST: Because it's frightening, but the more we can get involved, the more changes we can bring about, and obviously, the more gay and lesbian people we can have coming out of the precincts as delegates to the State Convention and then under the National Convention gives us a wedge and the ability to make some policy statements in the national platform.

And that's always beneficial too. I'm sure the Republican system works very similarly, if you're interested in that. I'm sure there's someone in town you can call to find out about that, but I'm not sure who it would be. But the people at voter registration could probably tell you.

JEWEL: We may not make new and improved laws that we want to make, but what we can do is keep the people who would like to stifle and cut us off at the knees from doing that. And that's just as important as getting our own legislation into making it law, our own bills into law, is keeping other people from stuffing us back in the closets with their laws.

HOST: That's true.

JEWEL: So we need to remember that it's not only a benefit when we come up with some new law, but it's also a benefit when we stop an old one from torturing us as some of them do.

HOST: And Katy bar the door and save us from the state legislature and state judges. The Super Primary in Texas will be on March the 10th. And all likelihood, we'll have primary elections that day for presidential races, in any case. But right now, that's the primary election date for all the primaries and all the major state races. So--

JEWEL: Have you got your party plans made for New Year's?

HOST: Actually, I have. I'm going to go to the Miss Camp America, New Year's Eve Party.

JEWEL: All right. Good party.

HOST: There was a-- something in there somewhere about that. Let's see. I've got-- I should have it written down in my little book. I know the-- there is a fee for this. And to find out how much, you'll have to look in one of the local publications because it's more than I can tell you about.

But it's at 9:00 PM at the Bayou Terrace which is at 711 Franklin. There's several parties going on around town on Tuesday night, most all of the bars are doing something. I know, you said Juliet's was doing something big.

JEWEL: Mm-hmm. Better get your reservations in. They're filling up quick.

HOST: The Brazos River Bottom is having a black and white ball, I believe. And there's just-- there's lots of things going on. Grab a local paper. Grab a *Local Twit*, *Local Voice*, whichever. And check it out. See what you want to do New Year's Eve. If you're out partying, by all means be careful. Select a designated driver.

There's too many people that die every day without losing any more of the people in our community or any people anywhere for that matter.

JEWEL: I think Yellow Cab will be doing their program about taking you home that morning--

HOST: Good.

JEWEL: --again this year. I think I heard that.

HOST: And I promised Ms. Judy this evening that I would play a song for her tonight. So Ms. Judy, if you're out there listening, this is for you. Johnny Mathis, and "What are You Doing New Year's Eve." And while we were playing that, Judy said that Johnny Mathis was the only man in her life and that was real questionable at best. She says, I'm her girlfriend. So I guess that's the way the old ball bounces. But who knows?

JEWEL: Yeah, Johnny Mathis has been probably the only man in my life too.

HOST: So Jewel, what are you doing New Year's Eve?

JEWEL: Well, when we talked a little earlier, I told you that I was going to be in bed. And I fully intend to be in bed. I don't-- I don't drink. And I don't do a lot of partying because I don't drink.

HOST: Kathleen.

KATHLEEN: Good morning.

JEWEL: It's hard to--

HOST: What are you doing New Year's Eve?

KATHLEEN: Oh well, I'm probably going out to Shakespeare's Pub and see Big Roger Collins, Frank Sibalto and Lady K.

HOST: That sounds like fun.

KATHLEEN: I do blues. And then New Year's Day on *The Morning Show*, we're going to have a Happy Blue Year Party.

HOST: Wow. Wonderful.

KATHLEEN: And we'll be doing solid blues from 6:00 AM to 9:00 AM.

HOST: Well, that sounds like fun.

KATHLEEN: I'm going to have black-eyed peas and cornbread and greens.

HOST: Well, how was your Christmas party the other morning? I'm sorry we totally forgot about it till it was well over. And we couldn't have made it anyway, we were past noon getting ourselves together.

KATHLEEN: It was beautiful.

HOST: Well, good.

KATHLEEN: It was beautiful.

HOST: Well, good.

KATHLEEN: It was one of the best Christmas mornings of my life. Christmas should always be done with KPFT.

HOST: Kathleen does the show *Blues* or *Blues For You*, which follows us this morning at 4:00. She's not sure yet whether that show is moving to another time slot or not. It may be. I'm sure she'll be filling everybody in on that as time progresses. But that's, *The Blues for You Show* at 4:00 AM.

JEWEL: I have to listen to that one.

HOST: So you're just going to spend New Year's Eve in bed?

JEWEL: Yeah. Yeah, reflecting on the last year and looking at the new year with renewed hope and aspirations. No resolutions. Like I said earlier, that's just leads to major disappointment.

HOST: I think that's right.

JEWEL: So we do it quietly at home.

HOST: OK. Let's listen to a little more music. We've got-- we've got all these little post-its here. KD Lang.

JEWEL: Oh boy.

HOST: And she's singing "Pullin' Back the Reins."

[MUSIC PLAYING]

ANNOUNCER: Peace. Word dot consciousness, only way to live. Peace. Man, woman, brother, sister. Remember caring love. People. People leading kind lives. Leaders aren't leaders, people are.

JACQ BETTIS: This is Jacq Bettis. Join Jimmy Clark and myself for *Non-Violent Alternatives*, a program about liberation, human liberation every Thursday at 12:05 PM following the BBC, right here on KPFT, 90.1 FM, Pacifica radio.

ANNOUNCER: Proclamation not enough, our responsibility to emancipate. Peace. Our balance channel our flow. Determination and human energy. Peace. Past to current to future, we are stronger than we appear. Peace. War makers so far out of balance, you can't help but fall. Peace. We come from the beginning, a world with no end. Light.

[MUSIC - ALFREDO VALDEZ, JR.]

RICARDO: These are the sounds of Alfredo Valdez, Jr. For more music of Latin America, the Caribbean, Cuba, and Latin jazz, music from all around the globe, tune in to KPFT on Saturdays. I'm Ricardo and I'll bring you earth music on Saturday nights from 7:00 to 9:00 PM.

So tune in and let's have some fun here at 90.1 FM, KPFT, Houston.

BRUCE HOPKINS: Jscheeschj is our word for the day, boys and girls. Jscheeschj is the word you can use whenever you're really surprised by something. Like oh say, if you were a straight man and went into a singles bar and met a very beautiful woman and took her home. And then when the very beautiful woman took off all of her clothes, you discovered that the very beautiful woman was really a man.

Well, if you were the straight man, you'd probably go, jscheeschj! Jscheeschj is spelled J-S-C-H-E-E-S-C-H-J.

Jscheeschj is one of those words that sounds the same whether you pronounce it backwards or forwards, like Otto, or Pennsylvania. But it doesn't work if you try to say Mr. Bruce backwards, because what you end up with is ee curb wrexham. And who wants to end up with that? Jscheeschj!

I'd like to talk to you a little bit today, boys and girls, about fear. Fear is something you should never worry about. As one of my neighbors who later went on to become President of the United States once said, "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself."

He's dead now. But I remember one time when Mr. Bruce was afraid. It was the first time I ever went to a leather bar. Now, you must remember this was many years ago when if you went to a leather bar, it was still there. Actually, it was many years ago, when if you went to a leather bar, it meant you were serious about it.

Well, I was very much afraid. I was standing outside the bar, standing outside the bar watching all these ominous looking numbers go in and out. And finally, I summoned my courage. I went inside. And I walked around nervously, listening to conversations.

Finally, I realized that if I was going to continue going to leather bars, there were two things I had to learn about fast, opera and cooking. So you see, you should never be afraid, boys and girls.

HOST: And that's Bruce Hopkins from the March on Washington in 1988, whenever that march was,

JEWEL: Jscheeschj.

HOST: '87? Long time ago.

JEWEL: Long time.

HOST: Which is why we're going to have another one in 1993. But Bruce Hopkins was one of the co-hosts for the rally at the March on Washington. And I was re-listening to all of that footage the other day, and I thought that was rather different. So I thought, huh, we'll play that on the air. What fun.

Our New Year Show is rapidly coming to a close. We've brought you a summary of the year 1991 from the community's perspective and from the after-hours perspective. We've brought you The Great Jewel's predictions for 1992.

JEWEL: [TRUMPETING]

HOST: We'll see if the Oilers can sustain the first one. [CHUCKLES] And that'll give us a clue as to how the rest of them are going to turn out, right? But you are listening to, *After Hours*, a continuing tradition here at KPFT, 90.1 FM in Houston.

The show immediately following us is *Blues for You* with Kathleen. And so I'm sure Kathleen will be really warming up the turntables for us and in the wee hours of the morning here. Parting words, Jewel?

JEWEL: Well, I was just thinking about the format in the future, the program in the future. We haven't really talked much about what we're looking for other than that we're going to have a variety of perspectives in here to talk about their unique, each individual's unique perspectives on the community.

And I'm looking forward to that, looking forward to being one of the co-hosts. And I was wondering if we wanted to talk a moment about the kind of things that we're going to be doing in the future.

HOST: Well, of course we're looking at several things. Our first and primary goal is we want to stay on the air. We want the community to keep the four hours that *After Hours* has had for a long time. *After Hours* has been on the air now for 4 and 1/2 years. And we are real happy that we've been able to have that.

Kevin will be with you next week as your host. Kevin, you want to say a word about what's happening next week?

KEVIN: Yeah. If I can work everything out, Jeff Cowie of the community will be joining me next week.

HOST: OK.

KEVIN: I'm really excited about being with you next week.

HOST: Well, good. And of course, the two weeks following that are marathon. And once again, we will be coming to you for money, because that's what it takes to keep KPFT on the air. And KPFT is able to bring you all kinds of diverse programs, including three gay and lesbian programs.

After Hours is heard every Saturday night from midnight until 4:00 AM, Sunday morning. *Breakthrough* is heard Friday mornings from 9:00 until noon, and *Waldenstein* is heard with Jack Valenski and Deborah Bell from 9:00 until 10:00 PM.

So that's three different opportunities that we, as gay and lesbian people, have to come before you and share with you what's going on in the community. All three of the shows have sort of a different format. *After Hours* has always been kind of upbeat and dancey music type because it's played that time of day. And you know, we need to just stay awake till 4:00 in the morning. We've got to be kind of peppy. We can't be kind of nooby, nooby, nooby.

Waldenstein has a very complete calendar of the week and *Breakthrough* focuses primarily more on the women's community in the gay and lesbian world, but they cover a little bit of everything too. So you can hear all kinds of music here. You can hear all kinds of music and bizarre things on KPFT, but that's what makes KPFT special, where we will continue to bring you *This Way Out* at 1:30 every Sunday morning.

We will try to have a guest every week around 12:30. And we're looking for something to stick in about the 2:30 time period, either, maybe a speech of the week or we may go back and pick up the homophobia report, which was a regular feature of *After Hours* about three years ago.

We've also talked about several different things that we may be bringing to you in the near future.

JEWEL: We're looking for suggestions.

HOST: That's right. If you'd like to make a suggestion on what you'd like to see on the show, drop us a line at 419 Lovett Boulevard, and that's Houston, 77006. Send that to *After Hours* in care KPFT, and we'll be glad to take your-- your suggestions into consideration as we're looking at how we want to continue filling these four hours for the community.

JEWEL: I'm real interested in what you think out there, and am going to pay close attention to the replies that we get.

HOST: So with that, we would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year. Hope that it's very safe and enjoyable one for you. And of course--

JEWEL: Play safe.

HOST: You can't have new year without a little "Auld Lang Syne," so Happy New Years. We'll see you in 1992.

JEWEL: Happy New Year.

STEVE REICH: This is Steve Reich. You're listening to KPFT, Houston.

ANNOUNCER: The night time is the right time.