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Jimmy Carper 00:05

And that was of course, Elton John was step into Christmas. And before that you heard Jamie Anderson who normally does comedy but that was a very, very serious song called with my smile, and started out with Parapan by the Seattle Men's Chorus.

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I've been kind of with the with the Elton John song stepped into Christmas, Chris is still here with us. I've been kind of doing that this show. Usually in the month of December, I play nothing but Christmas music by openly gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender folks. And I certainly have enough of it to play. But since I don't know, it's just, I just wanted to I had some new stuff by another artist and Marcy came by with that great CD and I knew I'm going to be playing a lot and that was really really funny stuff.

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Chris 01:06

I'm sorry, this this microphone was just too sensitive for me. I'm okay, I moved papers earlier and I could hear it.

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Anyway, so I've been kind of like playing seasonal songs that are kind of on the edge like stepped into Christmas, the Pat Japan stuff that isn't, you know, like real Christmas.

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Chris 01:25

Yeah, we're not the Mannheim steamroller type of radio show.



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No, no, no, no, no, in fact that the one that I've got queued up next, when we take our next musical break is by IT stuff that this album. It's called, I'll be at home over Christmas by Venus envy. And that title cut has is requested every year and I'm trying to see this came out in 95. I've been playing it every year. And of course, we've got other stuff. I



c Chris 02:00

think I may need to borrow some of your CDs when I go visit my family.



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For Christmas, yes. Oh, yeah. It's kind of



c Chris 02:07

slipping in there. Oh, my dad. Thanks man. Himes coming.



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And then after that you play Rhonda the lesbo reindeer.



c Chris 02:15

Yeah, I definitely want to borrow your good barking dogs CD from esoteric adventures, because



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as far as I'm concerned, you can have it



c Chris 02:26

may have had talked about enough, someone will call in and request you know, and we'll follow it up with go west. But we played out in John there, but we did because Friday was World AIDS Day. Yes. And if you watched local news coverage, you wouldn't have known that. I'm upset about that because channel two had a lot of information on their website, but nothing on their television show. And this year was a lot of music in it. Elton John had a hour long special on CBS last night. MTV had a an hour special of different rock bands. I watched part of it dealing with AIDS and a lot of safe sex messages in there. Ricky Martin films some safe sex ads advertisements I couldn't remember the The fancy term for freebie ads.



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I would pay money to see a short video of him putting on a condom. Oh, yes, I would. Oh, yes. Oh, please.



c Chris 03:35

You'd pay for the rapper. That's true. And also over in England, Popstar Robbie Williams. Who is latest video he strips down to yes bones. Oh, my. I was kind of hoping when they showed that video in the bar. They didn't have the digitized portion after he removes his clothing and before he removes his skin, but it was



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still digitized as well in the bar has to be. That's



c Chris 04:05

21 and up and that one.



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Now you cannot have any nudity with alcohol. Go. I don't understand that. But



c Chris 04:18

yeah, you just have to bring it in yourself. But Robbie Williams over in England, used a crane to smash down a wall of silence to very symbolic because the World AIDS Day this year the theme was men taking control or man taking charge or standing up for what it is.



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Interesting, though, World AIDS Day. December 1 Is been around for quite a while. I



c Chris 04:46

think it's I think it's a teenager now. Yeah, better. Yes. It's the 13th This was the 13th annual the first



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several of them. I don't know if you remember it, but World AIDS Day was called a day without

 C Chris 05:02

art. I remember I know of that part and,

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and all the museums had all their paintings covered with black cloths. And it was it was like it the whole idea was focusing on gay men in the arts who have died and, and showing the world that without us. You wouldn't have any of them. Yeah. And so the whole that was all about not having any art, no music, no paintings, no, you know, nothing. Yeah. And now it's kind of come, it's kind of changed. It's reversed the whole thing. And that it is

 C Chris 05:43

focusing Yeah, trying to include it to bring people into it. My minor way of symbol of commemorating it was the fact that my computer at work, I have a series of pictures that I kind of put up with different artwork that's on my wallpaper. And yesterday, I turned that part off. And there was no artwork. The year before, the place where I was working, we had work calendars, little photo calendars, because that was a big sale item at the place. And last year for World AIDS Day, I took off the one that I wore with my head a picture of my niece and it and exchange it for the this is how new I am to the community, the only person I know who has died from AIDS. And that was Kevin May. The comedian Yes. And I wore that on World AIDS Day. That was very nice thing to do. And it's a topic it's one of those things that we don't Hawk about in the community, because it's something we're in this second or third wave of it. Yes. And all we ever talk about it is either what advances we've made, and how people are being stupid about it. Of that now the the generation that I'm a part of that grew up with a safe sex message that grew up with AIDS in being known. I mean, I'm, I'm,

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you don't ever recall a life without aids.

 C Chris 07:20

Yeah, I mean, I've, I'm of the age that I was, if I was more knowledgeable the news I may have heard of grid I know about it's reading the history and watching the movies of the beginning days of it. But we're talking about a generation now that figures hey, we've got manageable drugs out there. But it's still a disease that is that has no cure is still something that can kill you. That may be the cause of you to capture the cat, something that will kill you. And it's it's one of these things that we don't focus on it enough. Or we focused on it the wrong way.



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I think yeah, maybe that and it may be that, you know, it's been around almost 20 years. 20 years, next spring. And so that's a whole generation of people, and my generation who were here before. I've buried most of my friends, they're gone. I'm one of the few left and I've had the disease. I knew I was HIV positive. I found that out in trying to think 1987 January 1987. And I knew I was HIV positive and came down with the disease. full fledged aids around 9495. And by you know, I never thought I'd see 2000 died. You know, I was gearing down. My whole focus was gearing down.



c Chris 09:08

I mean, at that point when you heard those words, it was immediately that's it? Yeah,



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no one lived no one. And then we got the cocktail and all of a sudden there was a glimmer of hope. You know, everybody tried to say there was hope, but there was this disease with it still is a disease without a cure. But we're living longer.



c Chris 09:32

And what's happened it's become like diabetes. Yeah. Well, like leukemia, in a sense that it's a chronic disease that could end up killing you. Oh, that could be the your your death sentence. But it's manageable. I'm gonna do some people. I'm going to be one of those that



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is part of the see what happens when you take these drugs for long periods of time. You Now, you know, see the long term side effects. And they're not good. I can't say that they are, you know, I've my energy level is way down. I can't do a whole lot of things I used to do. But I'm here. Yeah,



c Chris 10:15

I mean, that's I sent you been diagnosed you you've started the radio show.



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That's right. Yes. But



c Chris 10:22

that's I mean it's one thing when you see this and I mean I went on the internet looked at a

that's, I mean, it's one thing when you see this, and I mean, I went on the internet looked at a bunch of stuff. And one of the sites that I, that I look to a lot, and I get that from, from listening to KPFT, is the BBC World Service. Yes. I mean, when I get into work, that's usually one of the first sites I check, I check that before I check the local stuff. Because because they go into a lot of depth on a lot of topics. And they were very, they looked very much into HIV and AIDS around the world. I mean, when we talked about as a couple weeks ago, with some of the events that were coming up that every 15 minutes, someone who's under the age of 20, becomes infected with HIV. And another statistic last fall here was, we've got 33 million people infected with AIDS. And 24 million of those are in Africa, and they're not going to survive, and then they're not getting the medication, none of those people



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are going to survive. Yeah, because unless something drastic happens soon. And



c Chris 11:33

the worst part about it, some of the cultural differences over there, you don't discuss sex, you don't discuss sex related disease. Well, they've got to get over that. And part of it also is some of the ancient or some of the older accustomed with that, that when a married couple, when the husband dies, his brother marries his wife. So if the husband went off, and was doing migrant work, gets infected, comes back, infects his wife, and his brother has to marry his wife, he can become infected. And that's how it's being spread throughout in Africa is one of the main causes of that. And you don't you don't hear a lot about that. There was some talk back when the International AIDS Conference occurred about three months ago, because it was held in South Africa. But we don't hear a lot about that. In our local news we, we send we've seen only hear the good news. And it's one of these things. Sometimes it takes a day like this to to make people remember and unfortunately, it was kind of a news blackout.



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Seeing that way.



c Chris 12:42

I mean, I was expecting to see, because I mean, channel two was talking about about three or four different places in the area.



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There was an AIDS March. Then for the from the names project. Yeah,



c Chris 12:57

that name is project there was about three or four multiberson Red Ribbon creation where you

that name is project, there was about three or four multi-person red ribbon creation, where you might line up in red, wear red shirts, and do that. I mean, there was one down in Galveston, there was a couple here in Houston. And there was no coverage. The only coverage that I saw was channel 13. sent a reporter to bearing United Methodist Church. They were holding the Greater Houston aids memorial service for different for all the different services. And all they did was interview Reverend Meeker Williams and show show bits of the procession. And that was basically all of their contribution to it. And it seems a shame that we that we've gotten to this point that it doesn't, it's not something that people want to discuss that they need to. I mean, we're talking about something that's life and death,



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we need to talk about it because it's the changing face of AIDS it because as we're finding out in this town, that fewer and fewer gay men are becoming infected. And those are, unfortunately or teenagers. Yeah. But it's hitting the black communities. And the Hispanic communities and women and women, especially



Chris 14:20

minority women, I think, is currently the largest amount of growth in there. And it's one of those topics because we're discussing sex. Yes. And we are in a fairly conservative town, that you don't discuss sex out in the public.



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Well, you have to start Yeah, well, you know, it was the same way in the gay community. And it came to the point where, you know, hey, we've got to talk about this. You have to or people are going to die. That's, you know, that's the alternative. Don't talk. People die. Yeah. Silence deal equals death. No matter how you look at it. I Let's learn about something.



Chris 15:06

Let's go to something a little patchy and that we want to welcome a new listener out there today seems to be a new listener night.



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It certainly is Jennifer and Adam.



Chris 15:16

Adam. And so we've got in voiceover there was a couple more. He didn't give us any names. Yes, we've got plenty of new listeners out



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there. That is so cool. And we've got some cool music that we're going to be playing. And if you were listening for any length of time, you kind of know what it is. It's from Venus envy. It's a song that I play every year and I get requests for it almost every week in the month of December. It's called all



c Chris 15:45

I'll be a homeowner for Christmas. Yeah,



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I've only been doing this for like six years Hello. 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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are the gurus even more than I usually do. And although it's been saved I may never be way I promise



c Chris 16:43

that gives new meaning to the term you'll



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doesn't it about that was really different Christmas with the vandals. Now the Vandals is a punk rock band and it's the name of the CD is oil to the world. And it's probably straight guys. But I mean, that just works in real well. Christmas time for my penis. And where else? I saw this CD and I read that I bought it on the title of that song. bought the whole CD. I figured you know, hey, that's got it. And before Venus and V with I'll be a homo for Christmas. Oh, yes. And every other holiday? Yes. Pick a holiday. That's right. Where else are you going to hear all of that. But on after hours right here on KPFT Houston coming up at the top of the hour is



c Chris 17:41

the early morning group. That's



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right with

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Chris 17:44

Big Daddy. Not big daddy. No, no, no, no, it's a different Big Daddy. Big Daddy.

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This is Rob love. Yes, he is a big two. Yes, he is. And I got to talk to him about that. You know, I've got it. They did a show during remember membership drive, and they had an old prince show? Oh, which I don't have the copy of it for him this week. But I'll have it next week. Anyway. He was they were trying to drum up some money. So he was talking about you know, for for a pledge that he would be in the kitchen. And Governor Good grief would be in the bedroom. And and I gotta tell that man, you know, you can't you can't do that. You know, some of my brothers may be listening. And what if they take you up on it then what? Not too bad for Rob lob. I mean, you know, he's, he would probably be pretty damn good kitchen. But you know, the governor would be in trouble.

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Chris 18:45

I'm surprised you weren't up here with sandwich checkbook.

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I thought about it. What's this check? Anyway, early morning groove. Wonderful, wonderful show. You're going to hear music from the 60s through today. All mixed together. And in the wonderful way that all only those guys can do. And

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Chris 19:10

that's the beauty of KPFT I mean, we you don't hear the same song over and over again. New. When the newspaper says eclectic. They shouldn't that's the best description you can have for us. Yeah.

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World you're going to hear Christmas time for my penis. Oh, yes.

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Chris 19:31

Well, because what we're talking about later on, we're playing walking around and women's underwear. Yeah, and we're gonna have to retire that when that is just too mainstream. Now. It's becoming



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that way. Yeah, it's everywhere. Yeah, it started here. Because that's, that's Ed came out like in 93. And we were playing it here and now. You know, you hear it everywhere. Yeah.



c Chris 19:51

One little thing to go on subject for the fact this is the 20 Somethings show. Yes,



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it is. As a matter of fact, although I'm certainly not part of



c Chris 19:58

that. No, you're You're representing two or three people. Two and a half.



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Thanks so much.



c Chris 20:07

One group that's out there right now for the 20 Somethings is gaydar dream affirm? Oh my God, I don't remember that. I'm a member of the group I don't ever remember to get the dollar part that dream affirm. Restore, I believe Ross if you're listening, I'm so Dr. Gay DAR. Ga, ga ydA are. Okay. So whether it's gay, dream, affirm, restore, okay. It is for 22 to 35 year olds, gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered. And we're having a kind of a Christmas party, pizza party thing. On the 10th the second Monday of December 10. Right.



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The 10th is a Sunday 11



c Chris 21:00

fan. Okay. Whatever the second Monday, it's okay. gaydar meets every Monday night from every Monday night, every Monday night. Wow, from seven to eight, where we're at bearing United Methodist Church at 1440 Harold Street, as part of the bearing services that they have there. They have an older group to for mature audiences only for the 35 Plus. And what's the name of that group? It for mature audiences only. Oh, they were gonna go with gray dar but some people are offended. Why and



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how we've heard all that gray hair. Are you kidding? Putting up with people like you?



Chris 21:41

Now when you were at Tongue Tied earlier, I didn't say anything about your dentures falling out. This is reverse ageism. Don't do the ageism jokes like Jason Dunn?



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No, no, no, no, no one could. I mean, he's, you know, he's had a lot of practice. Oh, yes. While we're talking about stuff like that, I want to plug again, who and Ole Houston National leather Association's toy drive for children with AIDS. They're looking for brand new, unwrapped toys. And you can drop them off at just about every gay bar in the city. And also places like basic brothers. Businesses like that. Either that or check. Yeah, check. Yeah, you



Chris 22:34

bet places still take money? Yep. Yep.



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Because they're, you know, they're diapers for infants and stuff like that. They've been doing this for now. I think it's almost the 10th year. Yeah, incredible. And also, the PWA Christmas Show, which is happening Sunday, December the 10th. That's not tomorrow, but next week at 8pm at the Brazos River bottom. Now, this group is the one who raises money to give cash to indigent AIDS



Chris 23:05

patients, just a Christmas check to use that same name. Yeah,



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they've got about 100 people on their list. And they would love to be able to give each and every one a check for \$100 which would be really cool. You know, they can do anything they want. You know, when you live on six to \$800 a month.



Chris 23:25

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Just a little extra?



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Yeah. I mean, would be really, really nice. Just if you want to, like go out to the movies, or you know, because if you're living on \$800 a month, you're not going out to the movies very often. Yeah. Anyway, this is also going to be a Super Show. Austin Baptist women will be there. Shawn Carter, Nevada will be singing live, of course, tuna melt the fabulous tuna melt. who raises hundreds well not 10s of 1000s of dollars at tuna melts. fundraisers, the incomparable Regina Dane wonderful, wonderful entertainer. And you know there's like a dozen more on this list. And so the redid that plug, and I'm happy to do it because I gotta be there at that show. I'll tell you I



Chris 24:16

mean it's tough for the community we really like to get out and about you but we can't the shows about it. We can't talk about the clubs and that but we we love talking about clubs that are working for the community who are putting something forth for the EJC is having a thing that I believe right now I read that you can they'll have double check on me with that. But if you donate certain number of canned goods, for they wait, yeah, for stone soup, they waive the cover charge. Wow. Okay, that they've that they've recently brought in. So we have a cover charge over DJs strangely enough, it falls on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. What do you know? So but if you stay long enough, you can they have a pool that you get for that? Okay, Okay, but for some reason I've stayed long enough.



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Monday, Wednesday and Friday is stripped night. Yes.



Chris 25:08

But yeah, I mean, this is the Christmas season. It's the holiday seasons, right? It's one of these times when there's a little bit of depression, a little bit of sadness with a lot of people. Oh, always, we hope to brighten it up a little bit. And next month, if Jason decides to show up, who cares?



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Jason has some medical things going on with him right now.



Chris 25:34

Yeah, that's mental problems. Okay.



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Not fair. He isn't here to defend himself. Oh, even



c Chris 25:41

if he was here. I'm sorry. His plumbing is all needs to be reworked. But hopefully he doesn't show up because then here's a subtle little drop hint for everyone who's listening. Yeah, because if we have the same same lineup for the show next month, column with your birthday wishes for both hosts. Yeah. And we do like presents. Oh, my. Oh my god, easy, but I ain't cheap. No,



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that's right. You have been listening to after hours queer radio with attitude. Right here on good ol KPFT Houston, and ke O 's College Station. I'm Jimmy Carper.



c Chris 26:23

And I'm Chris



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and we'll be here next saturday and every Saturday night. Sometime sometimes we're just crazy. Sometimes we're serious. You just never know. So tune in and you'll never be bored. I can guarantee you that.



c Chris 26:41

And I think the next show is gonna be very interesting because I see the governor brought in a turntables. So



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good, good, good. He's gonna be doing some mixing tonight, folks. In the background. You're hearing Martin swinger from his CD, bear naked, and this is called Christmas blues. We'll see you next week.