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ft Houston and girl remind me to slap Jack.



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Why didn't you play Jack's card? There's not one white guy doesn't have a cart yet Wildenstein



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comes on Monday night at nine o'clock. That's



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right Jack. It and Deborah bell and then at 10 we have Tranquility Base. Yes,



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I'll be here with Tranquility Base. I've got some beautiful holiday music that I'm going to be playing this month. Oh yeah. So if you tune in on Mondays, be sure to catch it some really gorgeous stuff.



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If you'd like new wage. Remember that?



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Ruby Ruby three. But then river please remember that. Every Saturday night at midnight on after hours we play music



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glad to be guy.



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After hours every Saturday night at midnight, right here on KPFT Houston. 90.1 FM.



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Hi, this is Craig Washington, reminding you that none of us are free until all of us are free. So keep listening to after hours. KPFT Houston 90.1 FM



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it's Christmas time.



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We're gonna play this on Mondays on Tranquility Base, because I don't want you to forget that there are hundreds of 1000s of people in this country, not across the world by the United States that are living out of garbage cans. Yes. And 10% of those possibly are gay and lesbian people. And some of those folks have AIDS, and they were thrown out long before they become homeless. So as you're lining the trees and buying the presents, don't forget to take something to places like stone soup. Don't forget to make a donation to the game listeners switchboard. Don't forget to send some money to the AIDS Foundation. It's Christmas, but please don't forget what it's all about. Right? Okay.



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Make up Christmas for everyone. Yeah.



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After hours, radios celebrating live from the heart of the Montrose 90.1 FM KPFT. We're here and we're four years certainly. Shut up. We heard



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I shouldn't say that because we're inviting the Congressman back. That's right. In the spring.



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When he was on last he said he'd be glad to do the show.



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And we're gonna write a letter to the new governor. And invite her down. And I'm sure she'll come when she comes to Houston. And what else is going to happen? I'm going to city council on Tuesday. Is it Tuesday or Wednesday?



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What are you going to do



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to speak as an openly gay member of the Houston Police Department and president of the Houston Police support personnel? Yeah, yes. And thank the city council members who are wearing their green ribbons, because they're going to be wearing green ribbons to commemorate or to show their support of World AIDS Day, right, which was yesterday. And if they don't have their Greenwoods on I'm gonna go and shame on you. And you and you. There you go. Anyway, we'll talk about the city council later. And how they're tearing our city apart right now between the Hispanics and the blacks. That's awful. But right now we're talking about good things and camping and outdoors and even something you can do wine and cheese party.



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Well, I can do the cheese, not so much the wine.



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Well, you can do those sorts. Yeah. But we've got Oh, is that a thing that again, we've got some folks from hog which is a Houston outdoor group. And I'm terrible with names. See, I work like five days a week like you do until I work in the evening two to 10. And then at 10 o'clock I run home and jump in the shower and run over here and we do this till four in the morning.



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Wow. This is Radio and people tune in at a different time.



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I've got a union meeting at 1010 30 in the morning girl you're kidding I wish I was



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Stanley's getting me up at 1130. So



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I wanted to go by Christmas tree and take my dog to the groomer. Anyway, back to this radio show



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no reality radio radio, on radio girl.



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See if we screw this all up, too. We just edit this out, even though it's live what? What are some of the things that have happened that you don't want to talk about?



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This? No, not not. That's something really funny that happened out because if you saw somebody like this queen, Abdullah,



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well, we already admitted that four out of five canoes dumped over. You know that? It's gotta be raging rapids of Buffalo.



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We turned one, two, but did not turn Oh, really? Yes.



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Oh, wow. But it does sound like that hog members have a lot of fun.



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Oh, yes, we did. That's that's the thing that we talked about that the camaraderie of the whole

group, everyone looks out after each other, and we just help each other. You know, isn't that the whole idea? That's it.



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As we've grown, and we've grown really rapidly, and I've been, you know, holding my fingers crossed, that we wouldn't lose the nature of the group that we wouldn't change that we would not see cliques form that we wouldn't see bitch fights and so forth. And, and thank God, you know, knock on wood. It has not happened, we have not gone downhill. We haven't degenerated into you know, I've, I've been involved in other groups in the community. And, you know, both gay and straight, and I've seen so much divisiveness happen. And I really have not seen it happen here. And I'm just hoping that as we continue to grow, and hopefully serve more people that it won't happen. But you know, if we've gotten to the point where we probably have 200 members now, it hasn't happened yet.



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What happened? What happened in our society and galas mean society that got us to that point? Because traditionally, honestly, I mean, the men were on one side and the women were on the other side, we didn't talk. Did anything happen, you think that brought us together was



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why that started that way? Yes. Like I said, we need one another, to be as



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the key here is that we're ourselves, I think the type of people who have been attracted to our group are not fake people. They're not putting up a facade. And when you just relax, and you're yourself, and you're not looking to judge other people by artificial criteria that society tells you to use when you when you don't get weighed down by that kind of baggage and garbage, then you get along with people, and I think,



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just want to be accepted for you. It's really to



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me, and when I first joined the group, when I was really amazed is like he said, there was no cliques. And everybody was just a good down to earth group of people. I mean, there was there was no cliques, as far as attitudes, personalities, you don't belong, because you didn't dress this way, or whatever it was. It was all inside, which is really good down to earth people. That's what I enjoy. I mean, everybody to me was just from inside out. They weren't superficial, nice



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to, to give you an example. And I talked about this with Deborah Bell and Jack Kolinsky, too, but but when you have a group that can have Anglos, and Hispanics and Arabs and Jews and Filipinos in Vietnamese men and women of all ages, sounds like KPFT. Yeah, it really does. Not only it works, you know, we, a lot of what KPFT is all about is trying to encourage cross cultural understanding. And a lot of people say, Oh, well, that's nice in theory, but it doesn't ever really happen. Well, it does. And, and this is a group that shows it and I, you know, this is not a group for everyone. We're not trying to get everyone in Houston to join the Houston outdoor group. But if there's one message we can get across is that other organizations can function the way we do other groups of different interests can reach out to all segments of the community and serve a really wide broad spectrum and because of that be even more successful. There's a



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lot of groups that are going to want to know how you did it because I know what the game was being switchboard and Felix and Annabelle express this opinion with Pride Week as they're they're trying to reach out to all of the other groups that the black, the Hispanic, the Filipino, the Oriental to bring these people in and I know the switchboard has not been very successful over to yours,



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there's some structure though within the group, right? You said something about a board, or



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we have officers who volunteer each year we say, Okay, folks, who wants to be the head hog, who wants to be the money hog? And we get people to volunteer, and then kind of paperwork. Yeah, just just be really, he's got to have somebody who's going to say, Okay, it's time to do the newsletter. And thank God, we have some



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dedicated people there. But that's what's good about it, because the group is not demanding, you do not have to go to every event, you do not have to go to every monthly Social. And maybe that's, you know, if that's what it's really open really laid back? Or what



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do we send our \$10? To? You can send it to what what are these



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monthly dinners? Where the when are they held?



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Is there a particular there are different times the change,



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they do change? What the middle or the end of the month? Well, and I've seen it, it's



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it's very, we used to do it toward the beginning or the middle of the month, and we had a few at the end of the month. And people kind of thought, well, I guess we do it at the end of the month? Well, it's not really setting concrete, because each month we say, okay, who's going to volunteer for this month, in whichever convenient, you know, if somebody is volunteering their home, then we say what date Can you do it, and we're not going to force a date down their throat. So that's kind of the way we do everything.



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But he does bring a dish will bring like a casserole dish or whatever. And it is a big potluck dinner. And it's more or less. I don't want to say like a party. But it is a party meeting social get together. And it's a lot of



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it's not an s&m party, it's not a standard model party. It's



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come as you are and have a good



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time, it really is a laid back time. It's hard to imagine somebody coming in not being comfortable, because you're going to find somebody there that you have something in common with. And as I said there, there tend to be very few barriers that people put up very open. But if you are interested in the Houston outdoor group, and I'm not trying to shove it down anyone's throat, but if you are interested in use an outdoor group, get out your pencil and your paper and I'll give you our post office box. Are you ready?



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I think she's done this before.



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It's its post office box 980893, Houston 77098. And if you'll send us your name, and your address and tell us that you're interested in use that door group, we will send you a newsletter for free. And we'll send you a subscription form. And if you want to subscribe to the newsletter, then return the subscription form filled out with \$10 and we'll get you on our computer and send you a year's worth of the newsletter. And that's interesting



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the tweet too, or is it a number is it Andrew?



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Well, I think I think we do have the PIO box and the twit and certainly if you call the switchboard the switchboard will get you in touch with us as well. You betcha. If you're around town and you see people wearing white t shirts that have our our little emblems across we have a we have red blocks with with the various activity symbols and it says Houston outdoor group and charcoal tasteful charcoal gray. If you see those T shirts around town, just walk up and say, Hey, you're a hog. Tell me about hog.



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Great. Sounds great. So what's coming up the



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Queen's design again? Oh, the Queen's design. The T shirts and the lesbians initiate the potlucks? Is that not exciting? Yeah, we can get together and



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we even bust those stereotypes. Just something I should mention because it's coming tomorrow for those of you who enjoy riding bikes, in the weather, if it's as beautiful tomorrow as it was today. The the special interest group for riding bikes is getting together tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock AM and going to meet at the parking lot of the potpie 1525 Westheimer one of my favorite and they're going to be going about 22 miles I think they're going to ride through the Rice University area. And oh, Houston splat. So let's see, she's not



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gonna ride 22 Miles unless Stanley's driving.



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Okay, I've been I've been told to clarify that people can misconstrue the word bike. This is not motorcycle This is bicycles. Pardon me. Those who enjoy riding a bicycle. That's



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right. You got to pump it.



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You got to pump some submit tomorrow and you should ask for date because the US is the woman who's organizing it. She's the the coordinator of this activity. So show up maybe a little before 10 o'clock.



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He's gotten to where it's been like a weekly thing with the bicycle.



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I think they're really nice. And they'll Yeah, they'll do



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sounds like so many miles.



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No kidding.



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I can do that. I'm really avid bike rider.



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I want to give a little word in with about some singing here before we Yeah. Before you get away.



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I'll do it. What



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what is what's going on with the Montrose singers so well, in Christmas?



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Yeah, we've got lots of holiday type things going on tonight we were at the multi service center. Heartsong, which is the women's chorus opened up a tree lighting ceremony with body positive in the names project and we ended the Montreux singers, the Men's Chorus of Houston ended up closing with some of our music. We have a few little things coming up our big concert for the winter season is on December the 15th. And we'd love to see people show up. It's at 7:30pm on Saturday the 15th and it's going to be on the University of St. Thomas campus. It's going to be in the auditorium of Jones Hall, which is going to be really good. This is again, Montreux singers is a group which also is trying to be all inclusive and so we're doing some Christmas music, some traditional Christmas music and also some special music song that was written just for us and some other modern pieces. We're also doing some Hanukkah music, Hanukkah, some salsa, Solstice music. So for those of you who are of the pagan persuasion, there's something there for everybody we're doing a piece that is attributed to Henry the Eighth, which is kind of neat. So sounds just kind of crossing the centuries and the religious and non religious backgrounds and trying to do something means different things to different people, right, but almost everybody celebrates in some way around the solstice.



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Well please stay in touch with us and let us know what's going on. So that we can let folk Hawkins



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the Montrose singers and, and if you missed any of that stuff, this switchboard, you know, has all that info hog in Montrose singers listen back to you can probably you can call the station because I put up one of the advertisements for the Montrose singers. So it's right here on the wall. He





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did. Oh, you did? Alright, did. We don't have this way out with Greg Gordon and Lucia Chapelle. But Frank will be here with the news in just a moment. So stay tuned for that. And we just want to thank you guys for coming by you but



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thank you so much for having us. Yes.



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You're listening to after hours on KPFT. And hog has just been here, Houston outdoor group. It's another exciting reason why if we continue to come out and work together wonderful things can happen. Right? And maybe just keep pushing, because nothing is gonna stop us now. Oh, except that that's in the middle of that song.



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What do you think about our live radio show?



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Hello. That was scary, wouldn't it? Yeah. Lead in day.



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edit that out?



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Well see, I did that last week. And that Christian guy called is that he made me shoot. What do you think about our little live show here, though?



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I think is great. I, I think it's a real important service to people who don't necessarily have access to other gay and lesbian media. I wish that that y'all could be on longer hours and more accessible to more people. Because it's so important. There's so much that you know, I forget

accessible to more people. because it's so important. there's so much that, you know, I forget sometimes you get spoiled. Those of us who who keep in close contact with the community, and we know what's going on. We know what's happening with AIDS and with politics and with our civil rights, we take for granted that everybody knows this. And it's not true, because, you know, we've got 10% of the population is gay, but nowhere near all of those gay and lesbian people know what's going on. There are things that affect their conference



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and the capability



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that we talked about that late that last week with Felix, and we talked about it all the time that if you take the 10% figure, that means there are 20 to 30 million of us in the country. And 20 million people don't even vote in a presidential elections. Yeah. And so if we could just get the gay and lesbian people registered in voting, we could change the world.



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And for the better.



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And, you know, we get 20,000 people down in what on Westheimer during Pride Week. And that means they're in Houston in the metropolitan area, probably 450 to 500,000 of us, and we get 20,000. That's phenomenal. It's wild, when you look at the faces of people, and then we go back out into the world. I have to go to the police department on Tuesday, and I'll look at the faces of gay men who I know they're gay. And they're there thinking God, it sounds so easy and you guys sounds so happy and so free, but I just can't do it. And it really hurts because you just want to grab them and shake them and go girl



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get a hold of us does hurt because, you know, I remember myself going through all the angst of of trying to deal with being gay. And it was, you know, I went through such tension, it was such turmoil to deal with it. And I finally came out and it was like an anvil was lifted off my shoulders and and then I realized, it wasn't that hard. It's not so bad. And I tell you what, if you can work at a conservative established bank the way I do, and nobody gives me a hard time, I don't go around screaming that I'm gay, but I don't hide it from anyone. We don't have to scream. Yeah, you know, it's amazing. There's a lot of hatred out there. But it's amazing how many people don't hate or at least won't give you a hard time. I have not myself, I've heard some horror stories about about gay bashing and about, you know, all the horrible things that happened to oppress our people. And it's not like I haven't run across some bigotry I have. But I haven't had anything happen in my life to me, that I couldn't deal with. And I I wish that if there's anything

that we could get across to people, through media like this is that coming out is not that bad. It's not that hard. He answered all. If everyone, if everyone would come out, educate those people that you work with, educate your relatives, and how



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to live more than one life. It really, really takes too



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much energy. And God Life is too short.



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I remember in 1985, I was sitting at the police department when the referendum was defeated in the computer, read 75% against the queers. And I remember how much that hurt. And Thursday I took the day off and went away. And I told you this earlier, yeah, Debbie, this girl I worked with, said that someone had made an arrest at one of the Southwest area shopping centers and was on his way downtown with the sky. And the guy was gay and had AIDS. So we're always sending messages around on the computer for everyone to look at. And he sent a message around that this guy had AIDS and it said it was probably one of buddies buddies. And she told me that this guy that did that sent the message doesn't like me, and it's obviously he doesn't like me, and we don't I don't like him either. I don't feel sorry for him. But anyway, Debbie said that there were people in the room since I wasn't there that stood up and defended me and told me how that wasn't nice. And they didn't appreciate it. So my friends told me they said, you know, you really have made a difference down there. And it's funny because in that environment, we're so respected when we stand up for ourselves and it's the people in the gay community that have been pulling us down saying Oh, don't go out don't go forward and we have to keep pushing. So the best of luck to hog it can only do that and it can only help bring bring people out. That put us in the light that we should be in



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and not knock them anvils off your shoulder



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ready to play.



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So let's don't underestimate the power of the gay dollar because let me tell you when a gay organization goes out as a group and and spends their money you'd be amazed how nice and accommodating the straight world can be. And we have got some money to spend you are right

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so we can be very powerful when we want to be we all stick together and it's not



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that hard.



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You guys will come back and see us right now. Absolutely.



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Yes, we



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promised we have all the tapes queued up right away girl well why God Only Knows after our street celebrating live from the heart of Montrose, we're here live and work where we certainly are coming up next so stay with us.



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Are we gonna do it too girl hang out and be cool. I'm gonna leave did



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this you know usually, okay, whatever your parents



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this is afterwards for the week of December 2, I'm Frank White.



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One of the AIDS epidemics most beloved activists died of the disease this past month. Vito Russo died at age 44, almost six years into his illness, best known to the world as an author and activist. Musa was also a mentor to those who followed in his footsteps. Mike Alkalyn

and activist Russ was also a mentor to those who followed in his footsteps. Mike Kalin prepared this report.



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members of my family who read get all their information from reading the newspapers and watching television. know two things about Me, they know that I'm going to die. And that the FDA and the government is doing everything in their power to save my life



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I think they've been lied to. If I'm dying of anything is from homophobia. If I'm dying of anything, it's racism. If I'm dying from anything, it's from indifference and red tape. If I'm dying from anything, I'm dying from Jesse Helms.



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That was Vito Russo addressing a crowd of AIDS activists over two years ago at a Washington DC rally. At this year's aid summit. The sixth International AIDS Conference held this past June in San Francisco. Russo had been chosen to participate in the opening ceremony and address the 10,000 aid scientists, caregivers and activists who were there. But because of illness, Peter Staley of New York's ACT UP filled in for him.



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I'd like to close with words written by the man that was supposed to be speaking to you now, Vito Russo, the following words were spoken by Vito to a crowd of act uppers. But it is my hope that they will speak to us all. AIDS is a test of who we are as a people. When future generations ask what we did in the war, we have to be able to tell them that we were out here fighting. And we have to leave a legacy to the generations of people who will come after us. Remember that someday the AIDS crisis will be over. And when that day has come and gone, there will be a people alive on this earth. Gay people and straight people, black people and white people, men and women who will hear the story that once there was a terrible disease, and that a brave group of people stood up and fought, and in some cases died so that others might live and be free. And after we kick the shit out of this disease, I intend to be alive to kick this thing out of the system so that this will never happen again. Thank you.



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Even before age came along, Vito was an activist. He was a co founder of GLAAD, the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation and also a member of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force the Lambda Legal Defense Fund and of course ACT UP. Michael Callen is a Singer Composer and also an author Kalin worked in act up New York with Russo





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Vito was one of my heroes. He was one of the first names I ever heard. When I first heard about gay activism, and he was, he was a role model, I would like to be more like him. He he wasn't bitter. Like most activists, I've discovered he wasn't pedantic. He had a terrific sense of humor. He understood that you reach people more effectively through humor and a generosity of spirit than if you just sort of braid at them or lectured them.



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In 1981, Rousseau wrote a groundbreaking book called the celluloid closet, in which he traced and analyzed the role of gay people in film. Author Sarah Schulman whose most recent novel people in trouble is about AIDS activism, says Rousseau was an inspiration for her great I



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was one of the few people that was chosen by the gay community as our own hero and leader instead of being picked by the publishing company or the government or the media. And so there was an incredibly visceral relationship between the whole community and him. In fact, when I was a little TICAD in high school, I think that about 15 years old, I remember reading a letter from him in the Village Voice and cutting it out and showing it to my girlfriend at that time and being so excited by what he had to say. And then as an adult having getting to know him and be his friend, it was like meeting your favorite rock star or something like that.



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Sherman says that Russo played a key role in moving lesbian and gay writing out to a broader audience.



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When gala themed wedding began, it was very much a ghetto literature and Vito was saying, let's look at our relationship to the popular culture how how we subvert the popular culture, how they affect us. And now that there's a whole generation of writers who have always been out of the closet and came out into an existing movement were much more in the real world in our writing. And he was one of the first people to articulate that whole sensibility



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that Sarah Schulman talking about Vito Russo, writer and gay activist who after almost six years of living with AIDS succumb to the disease this past month at the age of 44, in San Francisco, this is Mike alkali.



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Afterwards de Smathers is in Atlanta covering the action at the CDC. I spoke to DEA earlier this week.



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Right, you're not going to be here next week?



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No, I'm going to be in Atlanta. As a matter of fact, while people are hearing this, I am in Atlanta. I'm going over for the ACT UP march on the CDC.



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On the third of leaving tomorrow, yes, this is actually Thursday. What are you going to be doing there?



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Well, we're trying to get the CDC to recognize that women do in fact, have AIDS.



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So as a whole contingent from Houston going aisle to aisle two out to two individuals to individuals. Are you with any group? We're



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with the Women's Caucus have backed up and act up network, which is that a real loose conglomerate nationally, women's caucus is backed up.



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Does that number indicate how things are in Houston as far as these public actions go?



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To a great extent? Yes. Yeah. Six, seven people here is a large turnout.



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That's terrible. A great. And so in Atlanta, you're going to be talking with people at the CDC is that?



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Well, we're going to be talking at them how much with them remains to be seen. They have already received a written communique from the ACT UP folks. There was supposed to have been a face to face meeting, we will try to have face to face meetings between the CDC officials and some of the women with AIDS or women with HIV infection who don't meet the current criteria for AIDS.



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So that's what this is all about is the women with AIDS and we talked about two weeks ago,



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yeah, World AIDS Day is devoted to women this year, the World Health Organization. Now has every year has a World AIDS Day. And this year, it's focusing on women with AIDS. They don't seem to be hindered by the surveillance definition of the CDC, because their statistics show a great many more women, and not simply because that it in other places is a heterosexual disease, and not a gay disease as it were. But they realize that women are greatly affected by AIDS. A lot of people wonder why a lesbian is getting all het up over this. And the fact is that we just don't know where lesbian stand with this. I was on a conference call two or three weeks ago, and we were trying to get a feel. And I mean, this was people this these were people from all over the country. And we were trying to get a feel for whether or not there had ever been a documented lesbian, the lesbian transmission of HIV virus, and nobody really knows. Why is that? Well, for one thing, they don't study lesbians. i Some guy at the CDC said and it's this is a quote, that it really was not worth keeping statistics all lesbians because lesbians didn't have much sex.



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And that's the that goes back to the old adage or whatever about if there's not a penis involved in sex, then therefore six does not happen.



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Well, he didn't. He didn't clarify that but I assume that was what was going on in his mind. And so you know, we're just there. We've been through a period Did where the the quote experts were telling us to use dental dams? And then they told us No, we didn't really need to do this do that, when nobody has stopped and done any kind of research on whether or not transmission is possible, whether it's likely whether it occurs or what have you. And the fact is that lesbians are getting HIV, whether, you know, through other means to the other transmission modes, mode, they're very, very few statistics kept.



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What kind of services are available in Houston for women with AIDS? Are there any special services? Or do they have to fit into the existing services for gay man, IV drug users, all different kinds of special interest services? Are there any specifically for gay women or lesbian women?



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Oh, I can assure you that there are none for lesbians with HIV. I don't know that there are any specific services for women with HIV. And one of the few places that even bothers to keep statistics is San Francisco. And one of the hospitals there has a methadone program, the women who come in and who identify themselves as lesbian or bisexual. And let's face it, that's a real self selected population, because a whole lot of people are not going to admit to being lesbian or bisexual. But of those who do admit to being lesbian or bisexual, one quarter of those women going into methadone treatment are HIV positive. So AIDS is in the lesbian community.



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And but they get lumped with IV drug users in that case, yeah, there's not a special classification. No, and there are with with gay man, oh, no. Prostitute? Of course not. Okay.



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And, you know, and we don't know where we stand. We don't know what's going to happen in the lesbian community in 10 years.



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What would you like to see happen in Houston on a local level,



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I would like very much to see the health department, the city health department, have a women's liaison worker, not necessary, not necessarily a Lesbian Liaison worker, but a person there who is cognizant about the way aids affects women, or HIV affects women who can do a couple of three things. One, of course, is to educate women in the Houston community. Another is to educate the doctors, you know, the doctors don't think to look, they don't think to test, a woman can go in with some sort of chronic pelvic infection that does not respond to treatment. And they try this. And they try that. And six months, nine months, a year, year and a half down the line. They finally snapped, say, hey, let's give her an HIV test. by then it's too late.



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Do the insurances give any trouble to women like they are to the gay men where if you're, you know, 30, and single, you're probably going to be paying exorbitant rates on your insurance.



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women, women have always paid more than men. If you're if you're getting an individual policy, that's just the way the actuarial table free. I don't know that single women are going to pay any more than than married women.



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But isn't the life expectancy longer for women? You're talking



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health insurance, not life insurance? Yes. And women supposedly have more ills with all our extraneous internal equipment.



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I see. Oh, I will good luck in Atlanta.



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Well, thanks. I'll tell you all about it next time. Yeah, please



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do and you know if you can talk to anybody there, you know, if they let you in or let us actually speak to them. Find out what's going on and let us know.



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We're going to try.



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Thank you, thank you.



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The doors could be opened for Houston's first gay credit union as early as June 1991. The monetarist Activity Center has just completed a feasibility study and is working on the charter. According to Robert Reiner, a graduate student at the U of H. The development of a sound financial institution is necessary for the development of any culture. A source close to Mack also said that the credit union would help gay projects that have in the past had to go to sources outside the community for funding or relied on the benevolence of a community member for projects. See Money. On November 12, Albert Rivera was cleared of all charges by the by a Harris County jury. Rivera had been charged with prostitution and resisting arrest. These charges come from an incident involving officer Wenzel of the Houston Police Department. Rivera was arrested by Officer Wenzel who according to court records, chased Rivera down, pounded his head into the concrete pavement, cuffed him and then tasered him with a 50,000 volt stun gun. Rivera was on his way home from visiting a friend and was in front of his home. When this brutal attack occurred. Charges of civil rights violations will probably be coming. In Dallas, the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation formed a highly successful coalition to protest a scheduled appearance by comedian Andrew Dice Clay. The Coalition which included the lesbian Resource Center citizens against racism, and now was most concerned with educating the general public about the connection between bias motivated violence and hateful and stereotypical images of women, people of color, gay men and lesbians. That performance was ultimately canceled when all sponsors pulled out in Houston glad organized a protest against K lol FM, and succeeded in blocking the sale of this homophobic racist sexist commercial radio station. Efforts are now underway to protest the license renewal of que lol GLAD is meeting with the station so that a settlement can be reached. The city of Houston is studying ways to document hate crimes against homosexuals. A source who has been approached by the city to give input into the design of this system explained that the compilation of these statistics is very important because they will be turned over to the Justice Department where the data will be used to document the incidence rate of hate crimes. This will directly impact federal legislation regarding hate crimes. While calling the hate crimes hotline is a good idea. This data is considered invalid and therefore cannot be used by the Justice Department. The suspect in the fire at the ripcord last month allegedly retaliated against the establishment for not permitting him to enter. He is now in orchard Creek hospital under psychiatric care. The United States government is spending \$70 million a day on the Middle East Desert Shield. The Coalition to Stop US intervention in the Middle East is calling for the immediate withdrawal of all US troops and military presence in the Persian Gulf region and further demand that the \$70 million per diem be used domestically to fund quality health care, education, housing and other humanitarian programs. The AIDS equity league will be attending the Houston City Council public forum on December 4 at 9am. aid service providers will be present. One question that will be addressed is why hasn't Houston spent any of its own money on AIDS? living with AIDS in Houston will be a special program airing on PBS. Dr. Oz a Baylor physician explains that some people think AIDS is a great disease. We're getting rid of the undesirable population. They don't realize this disease is going to affect us all. I have seen so many people who have said Fine Let them die. Suddenly their nephew or their brother or their cousin shows up with AIDS. Watch for this informative special on December 11. At eight on channel eight. The HIV Advisory Council of the HERSA Grant Harris County Hospital District has scheduled a series of public forums on aid services and funding. The Montrose location for the forum is the West grey multi service center on December 11th, between five and 7pm If you're tired of the way things are show up or shut up. The Hearst Corporation announced that starting January 1 1991 employees will be able to designate a provisional pay on the company's

retirement benefits. This means that unmarried heterosexual partners as well as homosexual partners will be eligible to receive their partner's retirement benefits after their death. This policy affects all hearse companies including the Houston Chronicle publishing company. The retirement of Chuck Patrick from twit marks the end of an error check had been with twit for 16 years and helped to develop the magazine into what it is today. Houston will miss Chuck and the perspective which he gave to The community



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this is the calendar for the week of December 2 That's what friends are for a silent Christmas auction benefiting RT aids response team will be held at Mr. Missouri Street Station on December 9, from four to eight. The Montrose singers present a season for us all on December 15 at 730 at St. Thomas University's Jones Hall. The American gay lesbian atheist annual winter solstice celebration will be held on December 15 at eight o'clock Inklings we'll be celebrating their anniversary this month, stop by and pick up a schedule of special anniversary events and support Houston's leading gay and lesbian bookstore. The PWA coalition Houston will elect officers at their meeting scheduled for December 3 At seven o'clock at the multi service center on West grey. gay fathers will hold their hold their annual toy drive on December 13. At the BRB Brazos River bottom, from seven to 10pm. Call 5219772 Lambda center for gay alcoholics for information on meetings and a schedule. Low lesbians over age 50 have special events every week, right to love post office box 980601 Houston, Texas 77098. A holiday tradition in Montrose. We'll continue with the annual lighting of the Mary's Christmas tree tentatively scheduled for December 16. Stop by the bar to find out the exact date and time the Montrose Counseling Center is offering workshops to help people cope with the holidays call 5293211 for a schedule, Church's religious science on Nevada at Wall hold Sunday services at 11am We really need your events and happenings and you can send them to us here at calendar for 19 Love it set Houston Texas 7706



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I'm Frank White and this has been afterwards for the week of December 2.



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you got to be careful



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if we don't teach our children hatred and prejudice, they just might not learn them at all. A message from this station in the National Conference of Christians and Jews



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you know, styles of music really don't benefit from being pigeonholed, unlikely only in on my eclectic program Carioca, I tried to break down some of the artificial walls between different types of music. I tried to devote part of each program to a particular artists but also have several continuing series by a varied list of musicians Each program also features some long forgotten but still fun recordings from the 78 RPM era. By the way, the name carryover comes from a dance pictured in the 1933 film flying down to Rio, and I tried to sell it by the 1930s Hollywood musical and most programs. Carioca is unique and it might be your kind of program. Tune in Tuesday mornings 3am to 6am and find out for yourself only on KPFT Houston FM 90.1.



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Request you don't have to play listening. Ray Bo, and Neil seem like a friend to me.



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After hours on KPFT Hang on. Choice I don't mind



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oh, we're here and we're clear. Hey, wait a minute. What? That was my life. Oh, I'm sorry. 90.1 FM we're here work we're we certainly are