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This is Greg Walker, 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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This is afterwards for the week of December 16 1991 I'm Frank White



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this week's calendar is brief, so we will do it first. The National Weather Association Houston first sociale will be held at the venture in next Wednesday, December 19 at 730. The meetings are on the second Thursday of every month at the sea and see Cafe on Fairview. The Texas Human Rights Foundation holds its annual Robert Schwab awards event in Austin this year. February 2 is the day for this event. Contact the Texas Human Rights Foundation for more information. The Gay and Lesbian switchboard of Houston invites you to attend its second annual Christmas auction featuring Doug Tome and Mr. T gra 1991. That's on Sunday, December 16 at 3:30pm. There'll be a preview at 230 and it's being held at the Brazos River bottom at 2400 Brazos. The Houston gay and lesbian Pride Week committee meeting will be held on Tuesday December 18. At this meeting, the nominations for Grand Marshal for the 1991 prayed will be taken. The meeting begins at seven o'clock. The official dates for the Houston gay and lesbian Pride Week 91 are June 14 through the 23rd of 1991. Meeting will be sponsored. A meeting will be held by body positive on Monday, December 17th at the Metropolitan multiservice Center at 6pm. The meeting deals with the Ryan White community and Ryan White Council and its funding and the members from the council will be there to hear your request and special problems. So be there and have your questions planned and directed at the correct people. Like I said the calendar was short this week. So that's been the calendar for December 17th And you've been listening to KPFT.



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a state district judge in Austin throughout the state sodomy law because he believes that it violates the Texas constitutions right to privacy. Judge Paul Davis said the statute is unconstitutional and he will issue a written opinion in January. Until then the statute stands. Patrick Wiseman, the lawyer representing the five persons who sued to have the law struck down said that he expects that this decision will be appealed. Attorney Attorney General elect Morales said in an interview that he will decide on whether to appeal the decision of the lower court after he takes office in January. homophobes, Mark Weaver and Dr. Steven Cozzi. were quick to comment on the court's decision, hate mongering hoax. He believes that this is the liberal way of getting the law changed, and that if the people of Texas wanted the law changed, they would have done it already. The State of Texas is record for writing legislative wrongs is historically abhorrent. If blacks in the 1960s had to wait for the Texas Legislature to change all discriminatory laws, we would still have segregation in all areas. If Attorney General elect Dan Morales does not file the appeal to the Texas Supreme Court hosi or another bigoted homophobe will appeal it on their own. State Representative representative Deborah Dannenberg believes that the law is useless and that the deterrent value of this statute is now most Texas gays and lesbians have experienced this political footballing of the sodomy issue. And so while most people were happy with the low court's decision, real celebration will not take place until the Supreme Court of Texas upholds the decision of the lower court. 450 people marched on the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta. 100 of arrests were made by the Atlanta police. The demonstration closed the CDC for one day, Decatur Street Atlanta's main thoroughfare was impassable and had to be closed. A pre action rally was held in honor of those who had died from AIDS in the past year. In keeping with the slogan silence equals death, a moment of loudness commemorated the deceased activists lives. It was like Joshua shouting down the walls of Jericho screams chanting and shouting down the walls of the CDC. A woman civil rights lawyer agreed to represent any demonstrators arrested at the CDC. She agreed to do this for free. The march was one in three quarters miles and was an as the throng marched through the Emory University campus. They were met by the women's affinity group, who had seized a classroom where a class was in progress and proceeded to do a five to seven minute teaching. And then they joined the ranks of the march and we're not arrested for this action. Affinity Groups are people who perform acts of civil disobedience, which include breaking windows, occupying offices, throwing paint on walls and smashing computers. The CDC is on Emory University campus. The March then took over the main thoroughfare of Emory University. Next week de Smathers will have an in depth look at the March and the impact which it will have on AIDS policy. The Greater Houston AIDS Alliance adopted a \$300,000 tentative working budget for 1991. Last week, we reported on the lack of gay representation on the wine right Care Act panel. John Lindsay has now said he will use the Greater Houston AIDS Alliance to align staff to do the work that needs to be done concerning the Ryan White money. This will mean more of the same inefficiencies. And once again little input from those most affected by this disease gay man. The budget also allows 202 \$202,800 for salaries of five employees for an average annual salary of \$40,560.30 \$1,000 for payroll expenses. The United States military is going to begin testing a vaccine that it says will keep aids infected people healthier longer. The research on this vaccine is being done in Texas by the Southwest foundation for biomedical research in San Antonio. The vaccine is made up of the protein coding of the outer shell of the AIDS virus and hopes are that it will trick the body into an

immune response before the virus has a chance to thrive. Testing on humans will be conducted at five military hospitals throughout the country, including to in Texas. The city of Houston has once again gone through another year without spending any money of its own on the AIDS epidemic. This Sunday's Houston Chronicle tried to ask Mayor Whitney Wittmeyer about this situation, but she declined to speak to them. Gay people in the city of Houston have a lot to learn when it comes to who your friends are. Wittmeyer was our friend until the messy referendum. Now she will not even acknowledge the most serious problem facing gay people today. I wonder if she will ask for our endorsement the next time she runs for office. Today's Houston Chronicle devoted over three pages to the gay and lesbian issues facing Houston and Texas. While the overall content of these articles was accurate and favorable. I questioned their timing and some of their phraseology. In addressing the AIDS issue. They left off one very important fact. And that is if you're a gay organ As a nation and serve gay people, you cannot receive any state funding because of the existence of 2106 of the Texas Penal Code, which makes homosexuality a crime. This very law has organizations like the AIDS Foundation Houston spending sorely needed funds, educating white heterosexual children in the suburbs about safe sex when gay men with AIDS are homeless without insurance and lack adequate medical care. The article also kept referring to people with AIDS as people dying of AIDS. All the people that I know personally that are HIV infected are living with AIDS. According to Dr. Jonas Salk. AIDS is a chronic manageable infection AIDS is not a death sentence. In one of the articles a professor from Rice University says he believes that the AIDS epidemic is being fueled by the existence of gay bars. While he ignores scientific evidence presented by Ralph Lasher, director of the Montrose clinic, who states that of the people tested at the baths 6% are HIV infected, when in the general population the infection rate is 12%. Once again, I must say that AIDS is not a moral issue, and that if safe sex is being practiced, and this evidence gives credence to this fact, than the professor from Rice University is being reactionary. The articles percent gay and lesbian people in a favorable light. It shows them as individuals from all walks of life. It tells about the many community organizations which exist in our community, and lets the straight world know that all homosexuals are not godless heathens out to recruit their children. The Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus will hold election of officers on January 16 1991. Dennis Spencer, president of the caucus will not run for reelection. Larry Lingle, the current Vice President placed his own name in nomination, only one income incumbent was running for reelection.



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This week, I had the opportunity to study Dr. Martin Luther King and his nonviolent protests that won civil rights for most minorities in this country. The gay community has many Rosa Parks. She was the woman who refused to give her up her seat on a bus so that a white man could be seated. She was arrested and what followed works as an inspiration to us all. A bus strike was organized by Dr. Martin Luther King, and it lasted for over 370 days. This in itself is incredible. However, a more incredible event took place. The strike was expected to get 60% support from the black population. Instead, on the day the strike began. 99% of all blacks refuse to ride the buses and continued to do so until federal laws were changed to end discrimination. Elbert Rivera was beaten by a Houston police officer in October, Tom Hamerton was murdered by skinheads because he was a gay man, a man who was fired from his job for listening to after hours, another man was fired from his job for being HIV infected. A lesbian was denied the right to make a living as a police officer. Her only crime was that she was a homosexual. Our list of gay versions of Rosa Parks could go on and on. But why bother? We sit splintered and broken, hoping that someday things will change. Well, today is Sunday, we must have the courage to stand up and say loudly and clearly we will not tolerate these conditions anymore. You probably are saying to yourself, This isn't. This hasn't happened to me. So why

should I care? The answer to this is that maybe you haven't been fired yet. Or maybe you haven't been beaten by the police yet. Or maybe you haven't been stabbed to death by skinheads yet, but it will happen. If you allow radicals like Steven Haute see and Mark Weaver be the only voice that people hear. If the situation with health care in Harris County doesn't bother you. It's probably because you have some slick health insurance policy that will take care of numero uno. That is until you are dropped or your premium is raised to the point that you have to decide between the shishi law townhome or insurance. Whether you like it or not, we're in this together. The Chronicle estimates that there are 160,000 gay people in Houston if 160,000 people showed up on Monday at the Thomas Street Clinic demanding a adequate, adequate care for people with AIDS, something would change. If 160,000 people showed up at City Hall and demanded equal treatment by the Houston Police something would change. If 160,000 people went to the gallery and said we are not leaving until stores X, Y and Z issue and non discrimination policy, something would change. And now back to reality. The last demonstration I attended was polite and attracted 20 people this attitude must change quickly. Don't you people get it. There are strengthen numbers and well 160,000 is a conservative estimate of the gay population. It could be powerful. We must work together for our common good. This means the drag queens and yuppies, dikes and Leatherman, Nelly faggots and women that's W O myn. Blacks and Hispanics Christians and atheists, gay Republicans, gay Democrats must come together and stand alongside each other so that the discrimination, hate and bigotry will become a thing of the past. Martin Luther King always talked about children. If you are unwilling to stand up for yourselves then maybe you need to remember what it felt like growing up knowing that you were different but too afraid to tell anyone. What we do in the next few years will make being an innocent gay child so much easier. And maybe this child won't have to go through the how many of us have endured like Martin Luther King said I have a dream well gay people everywhere also have dreams and we must help each other realize these dreams



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it's a technical problem don't worry about it. You're doing great you just we just scared him that's all wait a minute. God you're getting better baby. See I'm not doing very good technically technically speaking. This out maybe it's better next week



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this has been afterwards for the week of December 16. I'm Frank White, and I'll talk to you next week.



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Well I don't know what what happened now. We've got some difficulties but it really doesn't matter with me now. Because I've been to the mountaintop I don't like anybody I would like to live a long life longevity has its place but I'm not concerned about that. I just want to do God's will and he's allowed me to go up to the mountain



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the promised I may not get there with what I want you to know the night that we as a people would get to the promised land



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I'm happy tonight I'm not worried about anything I'm not fearing. In my eyes have seen the glory of the coming of



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this is Lucia Chappelle and Greg Gordon and you're listening to this way out the international lesbian and gay radio magazine on after hours



Lucy Chappelle 19:09

right here on Pacifica radio 90.1 FM KPFT Houston



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making condoms available as the least of it. Now how are we gonna get the kids to use the condoms?



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Welcome to this way out, the International lesbian and gay radio magazine. I'm grateful Written and I'm



Lucy Chappelle 20:00

Lucia Chapelle. No aids news is deadly news for us doctors.



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Discrimination is the essence of the matter and a fanfare for an uncommon man. All that and more because you've discovered this way out



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I'm Mark Sakamoto. And I'm Cindy Friedman with news wrap a summary of some of the news in or affecting the Lesbian Gay community for the week ending December 9 1990. The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Nyad of the National Institutes of Health sponsors most of the AIDS research in the US. But even though about 10% of naiads \$900 million annual budget supports its communications office, no money at all is allocated to inform physicians of its own treatment recommendations. Instead, they have relied on drug companies who have an interest in getting information out on a particular study to do their own mailings to physicians. This situation came to light as NIOD prepared a three page note to physician summarizing the finding of a panel of experts who met in August, that prednisone can be helpful in treating the Pneumocystis pneumonia so often fatal to people with AIDS. Night had never released the information to the news media or leading medical organizations. It wasn't until three months later in mid November, that the report was published in the widely read New England Journal of Medicine. Even though the Journal had given Nighat permission to publicize the information back in September.



Cindy Friedman 21:43

The US black gay and lesbian Leadership Forum has filed suit against a major national black magazine essence for failing to print a prepaid advertisement promoting the forum's February national conference. The forum had paid \$6,000 for the ad to appear in the January essence, and a contract had been signed with an essence representative. But in early November, they received notification that the ad had been rejected because, quote, conservative advertisers might not approve, and the payment check was returned. The ad featured pictures of black gays and lesbians and the copy read, come out come home and take pride with pride in yourself, you can appreciate the differences in others. The lawsuit seeks an anti discrimination policy from Essence and \$1,000 to cover the cost for preparing the ad since the rejection came too late for the forum to place ads and other publications.



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General Motors Corporation has become the first major business to apologize for a slur against gays. GM wrote its letter of apology in response to a demand by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, which purchases a half million dollar fleet from General Motors each year. The

subject of the apology was a four minute promotional video shown to dealers in which a farmer referred to imports as little faggot trucks. Those four minutes were chosen from over 90 hours of tape.

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Cindy Friedman 23:18

And BC televisions weekly medical drama life stories had prepared a special episode for World AIDS Day December 1, but at the last minute the network replaced it with an episode on bone marrow transplants. The network claimed the AIDS material was inappropriate for an 8pm time slot. But the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation. GLAAD believes NBC reacted to recent right wing letter writing campaigns and boycotts against any TV portrayals of gays and lesbians. A network spokeswoman said the AIDS episode may air at a later date when life stories becomes a series of monthly specials.

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A few weeks ago, we told you that the Chancellor of New York City's public schools, Joseph Fernandez had proposed making condoms available for free to public high school students as a way to lower the spread of AIDS. Mary van clay has more on this story.

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New York City leads the nation in adolescent AIDS cases, according to Fernandez, whose plan would enable students to get condoms on request without parental approval. A majority of the seven member school board has supported the idea in general, though some members have reacted to this week's sweeping proposal with some hesitation. Andrew hum is a member of the board's aids Advisory Council. He's also the Director of Education at the Hetrick Martin Institute for gay and lesbian youth in New York, which distributes condoms to runaways and street kids. He says educators can't wait till kids are in college to bring up the sensitive topic of sexual behavior since 80% of the city's high school students are already sexually active. Hum says the chancellor proposal should be just part of a broader educational campaign to create a sense of emergency about AIDS,

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the least of it. Now, how are we going to get the kids to use the condoms?

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How are we going to get a young person in a relationship to raise with her boyfriend or her

girlfriend or his boyfriend or his girlfriend, that this is something that we should do? We should use a condom in our relationship. That's a very difficult thing to do socially.



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Hum recommends role playing into peer group sessions, so that kids learn to follow safe sex practices in bed. Instead of just viewing aids as an abstract science question in school, New York City School Board could make its decision on the condom proposal as early as next month. The Center for Population options in Washington has reported that currently few high schools in the country distribute condoms. In San Francisco, I'm Mary van clay.



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On the gay weddings front, a gay male couple has filed suit against the city of Washington DC for refusing to grant them a marriage license. Their suit notes that same gender marriages are not explicitly denied under the city's marriage laws. While under the city's human rights legislation, gays and lesbians are protected from discrimination, the couple of seeking \$250,000 in compensatory damages, and \$1 million in punitive damages. Meanwhile, in Chicago, members of queer nation and citizens for gay action spent three hours trying to obtain marriage licenses in a demonstration that when major media attention but no wedding



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bells, a survey of over 1200 lesbian and gay couples by the Seattle Washington based partners newsletter provides data about the economics of same gender relationships. For both male and female couples. 40% of those surveyed completely share their income. Only about 1/5 of male couples and 1/4 of female couples do not share their income at all. couples who've been together longer were more likely to pool resources. Health insurance coverage for partners is available to only 4% of the women and 6% of the men. The average age of those responding to the national survey was 35. Women averaged five years and men seven years together as a couple over 100 have passed their 15th anniversary while one female and three male couples have lasted over 40 years.



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A gay play Broadway wouldn't touch is now a hit in mainstream theaters on the US West Coast. Terrence McNally's Lisbon Traviata, a drama about gay opera fanatics, premiered off Broadway. Even though that New York City production won a Drama Desk Award for lead actor Nathan Lane, co star Richard Thomas told the Los Angeles Times it didn't go to Broadway quote, because Broadway was frightened of it.



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Briefly In other news, to act up AIDS activists were found guilty of interfering with the duties of Federal officers and sentenced to 15 hours of community service for their part in the June demonstration in San Francisco against the Immigration and Naturalization Service



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Six of the ACT UP demonstrators who disrupted services inside New York St. Patrick's Cathedral in December have been found guilty of disorderly conduct trespass and interrupting a religious service. There'll be sentenced in January in the



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state of New Jersey and HIV positive Man was given a 25 year prison sentence for attempting to kill a prison guard he allegedly bit 35 act up demonstrators were forcibly removed from the state legislature for protesting the lengthy sentence



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75 lesbian and gay students from nine campuses of the University of California met in November to begin development of a resolution for the University of California Student Association, urging the Board of Regents to adopt a domestic partners policy in student housing.



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preliminary discussions are underway for a 1992 March on Washington DC for lesbian and gay rights. The rarely discussed first march on Washington in October 1979 drew an estimated 175 to 250,000. The March and October 1987 attracted at least a half million participants.



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Over 6000 gays and lesbians marched in Berlin in October to demonstrate their concern about paragraph 175 of the West German legal code, which sets the age of consent for same gender sex at 18 as opposed to 14 for heterosexual acts. East Germany repealed their version of the law in 1988. But the new unified state is expected to follow the West German version.



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The government of Brazil's fourth largest city, Salvador has banned discrimination based on sexual orientation.



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Over 80 members of queer nation staged a shopping at a mall near the California city of Santa Cruz and Snake danced around a fountain serenading Christmas shoppers with depth of malls with queers. By golly

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Cindy Friedman 30:24

aren't you going to sing it mark? Next time. The New York Police Department's gay officers action league with over 300 Gay and Lesbian members is seeking admission to the committee of police societies, cops. The 21 organizations currently under the umbrella of cops are deeply divided on the issue. Five of them have threatened to quit unless the gay officers are admitted.



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San Diego California has had its first hate crime conviction for a gay bashing. One of three perpetrators was sentenced to 60 days in county jail. The victim was unable to identify the other two.

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In a peculiar bit of AIDS prevention. A bill pending in the Delaware State Legislature would reinstate flogging as a punishment for serious drug offenses, but with the provision that no whip may be used for more than one whipping.



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Hong Kong's Legislative Council recently decriminalized gay sex, but a newspaper survey has found the public disapproves. 51% of those surveyed believed the ruling should be overturned, while 12% Completely refused to discuss the subject.

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Cindy Friedman 31:41

And finally, when the Equal Rights Amendment was proposed in the US, a frequent objection was that women and men might be required to share restrooms. The amendment failed for police officers in Southern California are determined to keep restrooms segregated. At a recent Billy Idol concert though they went a little too far. Receive receiving a report of men using the women's room, the four cops raced to the scene. They stopped two body builders wearing jeans and tank tops and threatened to arrest them if they could not prove they were women. For one it was simple. She presented identification, but the others ID was in the car. As the first remarked we had a choice she had to drop her pants or go to jail. The police ordered inspection was performed by two female employees of the venue's safety management firm. But a body builder won't just take this sort of thing lying down charging misconduct. The muscle woman is suing the police department for \$1 million.



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That's news wrap for the week ending December 9 1990. compiled from publications and broadcasts throughout the world and written by Cindy Friedman.

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Cindy Friedman 33:12

Remember, an informed community is a strong community. Find out what's happening in your area by monitoring your local gay and lesbian media for this way out. I'm Cindy Friedman.

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And I mark Sacco motto.

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Every child gay His days are out. Cause it's up to say Liberation's on its way. Someday love that someday jail. Someday sex but still they fail to rush the pride that makes us free. Gazing saw the diary at Barry shouts day is good and gays are.

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Lucy Chappelle 34:07

You're listening to this way out the international lesbian and gay radio magazine. I'm Lucy Chappelle and with me is Greg Gordon. Faithful, Joyful and triumphant holiday voices of AIDS is a recent work from the Los Angeles based theatre group artists confronting aids. Playwright James Carroll Pickett, author of dream man and bath has been addiction talks with Greg Gordon about the origins of artists confronting aids and the performers of their seasonal offering bring us an excerpt from the play.

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What was the inspiration for putting this material together and

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and what was the source material? Michael Kearns and I had been dealing with the AIDS crisis in our own lives, losing friends, having friends who were ill, finding it difficult to cope, as all of us are, and wondering what we could do as artists in order to help ourselves confront the problem and hopefully help others To confront the problem as well. Michael Katz, who joined us on the original project of aids us when we lost aids sadly helped form an idea that also persons with AIDS could express themselves artistically. And so our first project was a theater work called aids us in which persons with AIDS, their mothers, sisters, spouses, were on stage and told their stories. Dale roll who's joined us and artists confronting aids, there's a wonderful actress, we thought about letters project. And I'm hoping that faithful Joyful and triumphant which is specifically about the holiday season will be a pilot program that will collect letters, not necessarily dealing with holidays, but letters from persons with AIDS and from those who love them. And either existing letters or new letters that someone may want to write. It may be

something someone has always wanted to say, and has never had the opportunity. Let's set up the excerpt we're going to hear Dale row will be reading a letter from a mother to her deceased son, and Michael Kearns will be reading a diary entry from a person with AIDS. And the director is Libby Apple, very brief excerpt from faithful, Joyful and triumphant holiday voices of AIDS.



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Christmas 1988 A mother writes a letter celebrating the memory of her son who died of AIDS. Dear Andy, these past few days, I've been straightening up some things in your old room that always brings up memories, some happy, some very sad,



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a young man with AIDS writes in his journal. God, I can't believe it's almost Christmas and I'm still here, alive. I mean, I really hadn't planned on it. I'm glad that sometimes dying and getting it over with is very appealing. There's so much sadness and all this. Just when I was starting to figure life out. I could have done so much more.



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In 1983 the year you were feeling lousy but afraid to see a doctor. You called from San Francisco for my stuffing recipe because you were cooking Thanksgiving dinner for good friends. That Christmas when the whole family gathered in Alameda was terrifying to me. You looked so sick, pale, drawn. AIDS was just about to change everything in our lives forever. But my



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strongest love is for David. I sometimes just can't believe I have such a wonderful lover. Old neurotic feelings like I don't deserve someone this wonderful sneak in at times. But mostly I'm thankful for our relationship. I don't ever want to leave him. I don't ever want to be alone.



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Our last holiday season together was so special. You knew it would be your last on this planet. You made the trip to northern California to spend Thanksgiving with your sisters. We hold along all the IV equipment. You stayed in the motel a lot, but we were all together. Christmas everyone gathered at our house. It was the first time in years that all you kids mills and mine were together.



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I have these recurring dreams about losing David and being left alone. In one. We are Christmas shopping at this huge mall. I'm searching for this one particular item though I'm not

even sure what this item is. David is with me, but I think I see this mystical thing in a shop and I am separated from David. Then they announced over the loudspeaker that the mall is closing. I never make it to the shop. Swarms of people are pushing to get to the parking lot. I have lost David. The feeling of panic is incredible. No one will help me or even cares. I am all alone. Alone with AIDS and death.



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We bought a spectacular tree. I cried at the tree lot knowing I was picking out your last one. You were too sick to come with me. It was a gorgeous frosted number. You sometimes laughed at bills in my living trees.



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I wake up crying. David mumbles some consolation in his sleep. tells me he loves me. It's just a dream. And rolls



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over since you've left us I've tried to carry on as you and I did together, supporting persons with AIDS as best I can. This past spring and summer. Your room was occupied by a wonderful young woman, Kyle who had AIDS related lymphoma like you. She and I went through her chemotherapy like you and I did. She died in September and I miss her My greatest hope this holiday season is that aids will become a memory like the holocaust that happened and was cured. But always etched in memory,



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just a dream. But I can't help thinking about how in depth. I'll be alone. I don't want to leave David, or Linda, or my family. So much sadness. I think there's got to be a reason for it all. Maybe I'll figure it out. Maybe not.



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Thank you for teaching me so much about courage and loving. I love you forever. Mom.



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I only know that love feels good. I am a love hog. I'm working on my Christmas list. I am not alone. In David's arms, I will fly Joe.



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famed composer Aaron Copland died on December 2, two weeks after his 90th birthday, Christopher David Trentham offers this brief profile of the gay composer and explores Copeland's contributions to American music.



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Aaron Copland Fanfare for the Common Man is one of the best known examples of the style of American music that he helped pioneer during the 1930s and 40s. On the occasion of his 70th birthday, Leonard Bernstein wrote, he was the composer who would lead American music out of the wilderness. Leonard Bernstein and Aaron Copland were friends for over 50 years. Their deaths just a few weeks apart, bring to a close, almost remarkable relationship. their lifestyles were wildly different. Bernstein was loud and brash with many lovers and Copland was quiet and discreet and maintain the relationship with one man for many years. And these traits were mirrored in their music as well. But it was Copeland's compositions that opened up a new era in American classical music. He was an extremely fastidious composer, music Historian William Malick,



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every moment is so carefully thought out, every disposition of a chord is so carefully balanced. He was it. He sensitized us to this whole style that was coming up. It wasn't really totally an American style. It was basically French inspired. The Mexicans, Chavez and Revueltas were writing basically in the same style. But he was trying to communicate when identified with him, like when identified with Bernstein, in a way, and Virgil Thompson and all those people came up out of the Roosevelt administration, they came up out of the Depression, when the government actually hired people to write music. You know, I mean, the kind of time when when the government would actually pay for you to write music for a movie, you know, Hollywood didn't like it. By the way, they were very upset about that. But it was a time when all kinds of things were happening. And we felt like we count it. And Copland was the person who let us know about it. He was so eloquent. And he wrote all those books, you know, and to tell us what music was really like and what was happening and music and it made the whole thing, as I say, real for us.



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What is the one thing that you think that Copland will be most remembered for?



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He always had public responsibilities. He always helped people who were younger than he was he always went to bat for music. As an artist, he made it clear to people that you can write music, which is masterful music, which communicates directly to the heart of the average person. And that's he was not an elitist composer, although he wrote some elitist music but even that elitist music of Copland really has a SOCO punch to it. I mean, he just showed you

where to have faith in yourself to have faith in yourself as a listener or as a composer that you could understand music that you could even write music. You know he was a very democratic impulse.



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William Malik, thank you very much for joining us for this brief look at Aaron Copeland's music, which I would like to close with an excerpt from one of Copeland's most popular works. The music for the ballet Appalachian Spring, performed here by the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by the late Leonard Bernstein for this way out, I'm Christopher David Trenton.



L Lucy Chappelle 46:57

Thanks for choosing this way out the international lesbian and gay radio magazine. This week Cindy Friedman, Mark Sacramento, Mary van clay and Christopher David Trenton contributed program material. Thanks also to Mike alkali and Gary Taylor.



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The choir of New College, Oxford and Sydney's Gay Liberation choir performed some of the music you heard and Kim Wilson composed and performed our theme music.



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tuned. How come they never say KPFT? Houston?

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They did one time a couple of weeks ago. Are you serious? A couple of weeks a month ago? Yeah, I heard it. It was wonderful. Or was I it? Mary? I didn't hear it. I don't know. Did they say KPFT? They really really did. Oh, anyway. It's KPFT Houston. 90.1 FM. We're here and work. We're here. Yes, we are. And we'll be back in a minute with some holiday stuff. Yeah. How's that? I'm in. I'm getting in the mood. I'm not I will do I already started Christmas shopping and stuff and I'm ready for it. Okay, we'll do it in a minute.

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Barry shout gay