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Is you

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in the heat, oh.

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In the Heat of the Night, we have blues for you. On Ronnie point one, FM KPFT Houston, Texas 4am center

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that is so high.

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And they'll be here for the blues broads and blues for you so stay tuned

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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 the middle message from this station in the National Conference of Christians and Jews



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Wouldn't that be fun? If that's what people give their kids for Christmas? The truth, wouldn't it? It's not gonna happen.



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Well, maybe not universally, but



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we saw the Montrose singers tonight. Oh, I did wait. There's so much going on this weekend. They're going to light the Mary's Christmas tree, which is really the community Christmas tree on top of Mary's bar. Tonight at six o'clock. 7767. Loud gay Standard Time. Seven ish, but it'll be fun. And I'm gonna go down there. And we'll hopefully have some of that for you next week. Oh, and



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because I believe the singers are going to be there.



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Yeah, we'll get to see him again. Yeah, Montrose singers are going to be there some politicians will be there. And we'll just light that tree up and see what's going to happen. It'll be a lot more festive than it was when George Bush left that National Christmas Tree in Washington. You know Bush is coming home for the holidays where he's coming home for the holidays. Bush here Houston. Yeah, he's coming home for the holidays



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George goes home for Christmas. His ticket costs such he flies home near Houston all that on Christmas he will find him back at work with George Bush things that dress is on 23



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Santa Claus



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Louis Armstrong and is that



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from the two nights Yeah, that's a new one you picked up



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we must be done now girl. Yeah, it is I've been looking for this for a long long time. Because it's got Louie Armstrong redone the night before Christmas on it. We'll hear that next



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week. A lot of Christmas next week. We are Yeah,



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we are. I saw daddy kissing Santa Claus underneath mistletoe last night.



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Steady and steady calls again a little carried away.



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Justify



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We are not talking about this is not weighed down we're talking about all right



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right



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so we decided to do the hardest



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is that f is in Frank



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any Linux San Al Green from the movie Scrooge as Bill Murray and put a little love in your heart that



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is nice yeah



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we need to I need to be real quiet because we're going to check in over at Stephen holds his office so we're planning the you are talking



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about the nonsensical ravings of a lunatic mind we're



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gonna sneak over there here in just a second and see if we can find out what Dr Holtzman he's on the he's on the phone right now with Mark Weaver and Mark Weaver you know Mark Weaver



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you are talking about the nonsensical ravings of a lunatic mind and they're



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planning I'm sure they're planning something for a while this this 106 thing you know Dr. Steven Hulsey here in Houston was the organizer of the streets slight I remember that fell on its rear end back then. But he sure they've got some support now. Why they fight these faggots? What are they gonna do in these dikes? I don't know. We need to switch it over there and see



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is that it? Is that doctor? Can you hear it?



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It's coming through listen. Me. Do you like the radio? Certainly. I love it. You got it. Quiet numbskulls. I'm broadcasting you are talking about the nonsensical ravings of a lunatic mind what

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though we're not gonna get Doctor Hold on I was just funding you.

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For I got I was all excited there. Well, we might

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I'm gonna. If he doesn't make a lot of noise, we're going to invite him down here.

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Serious. Instead of you think he would actually appear on a faggot radio.

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Well, if he hates us so much. Or if he thinks was such a threat, then we should invite him down here to talk about why Yeah. And what we'll do is get Frank and Shawn, our news director in there on one side and are in the middle and put Dr. Steven Hulsey on one side and we'll get somebody on the other side to represent the gay lesbian community.

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Oh, okay.

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I don't know. I mean, maybe we'll send somebody from the GOP see or you know something

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that's that's a possibility there's a lot of people that might want to debate him

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I'm sure. Anyway, it's too bad this doesn't say Steven helps ease calm too

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You better watch out when

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girl

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I know we need to change that.

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On that too much.

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They need to change it though to Steven hold see. Steven What's the good doctor Rob anyway?
What's he a doctor of anyone's again in colleges now? I don't did you get something for you?
Yeah, well, it went to his head. What do you got? What do we got here?

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Oh, let me see it.

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Let me see your

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I just want to make sure Roger got something to drink. Oh, yes. You know what I mean, he went
on a coke run. Yeah. Anyway, we'll be back in a minute. I want to do Coca Cola

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sorrv. That seemed to last now when I when I saw bad slide.

Sorry, that seemed to last how many minutes? Sorry, I saw your message.



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Hi, it's me Pee Wee Herman. Hey, seriously, everybody



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during this holiday season? Please don't drink and drive. Da



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what? He is not a well, woman.



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Speaking of a well, woman, yes. Chief Watson had her baby.



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Oh, hey, that's great. What was it? It was a boy.



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And his name Oh, geez.



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And for the way you were talking, it must have weighed about 35 pounds at birth. He weighed



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eight pounds and 12 ounces. He was 21 inches tall, long. He's gonna be tall like his mommy and daddy. While he was only eight pounds. She's still big. And the police officers tied blue ribbons on their antenna. Oh, no kidding. This Tuesday, it was really well, because I got to the police department about well, I don't know little after one. And then the the officer that worked security in the lobby. So did the chief have her baby yet. And she said they just took her to the hospital. Yay. In a wheelchair from the time I got from the elevator up to the second floor and went in. They said the Chief had a boy. So they had signs up everywhere. It's a boy, it was it's you know, it was a pretty big deal.



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That is a big deal. with police. I mean, have babies not



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many. I've heard a lot of people say that it's too big of a deal, because they didn't like it. And a lot of the police officers didn't like it. I was always I was really surprised. I mean, on the radio, I heard chief Watson had a baby. And a couple of people said big deal. Like, you know, that was a big deal. I could anybody not be happy about the birth of a child now, especially around this holiday time? You know what I mean? But there are those people out there that are just so jealous that she's in charge, and they're not. I guess I don't know why that someone couldn't be happy about it. Speaking of being happy, I'm not with the police department. Oh, now what if you'll remember, at this very phone, at this very phone? Yes. Last week, someone called up and threatened to kill us. And we get threats and all kinds of asinine calls all the time we just ignore. I mean, that goes with the territory, right? Well, this particular call really hit me the wrong way. Because I'm trying to get in the holiday spirit. And it's just not working. And I happen to answer the phone. Normally, I don't get those kinds of calls. Because all the folks out there that do take the calls get all that garbage.



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Well, we get a lot of strange calls, but we don't get a lot of calls, threatening our lives.



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But I got that call. And it just hit me the wrong way. And what really made me angry was when this hateful person said that I really didn't work for the police department, which I do. mean, that's no big secret. So we call the police and the police officer came here to the station. I recall it right. I was sitting right here. And she asked us what was going on. And we told her, not only did we tell her while she was standing here, we received another threat when the same person and the police officer that was standing here actually heard him say, I'm coming to kill you, that sort of thing. Yeah. Well, I read the police report. Because I went over to records just like anybody can do, you can go down to the records division and ask for a copy of your report. Oh, went down and got a copy of the report and gave them the \$2 or whatever it is. And I read the report. And what did it say? It said that we were working at a gay radio station. What, which is not true. No, we're not working. We're volunteers. And number two, it's not a gay radio station, not by a longshot just happens to have 45678 hours of gay and lesbian programming per week, per week. But it's not a gay radio station, as opposed to gospel stations which blare out the Lord hallelujah 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. It's just a station that allows us the opportunity to come in here and tell our side of the story which you don't hear anywhere else. Yeah. But anyway, she continued to say that we were doing our little radio show and we received a phone call from someone who made fun of our lifestyle, Wyatt. That's what it said baby. He made fun of our lifestyle. And that was



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period he wanted to kill us and said so.

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So what we're gonna do and what we have to do is write a letter you and I will sit down and we'll write a letter you bet to our new, pregnant, less pregnant. Yes, since she had her baby and ask her to please talk to whom ever and correct this report because it is not right. I know. That's correct. Number one. We told the officer standing here in the studio with us that we had received a threat no But to she heard the threat Yep, on the phone with her own ears, and then proceeded to write on this paper that we were made fun of. Now the girl, there's a lot of difference between making fun of somebody and threatening to kill them. And we will, what we will do is we will keep you posted on this because I'm very serious about this, it made me very angry. At first I was going to try to fix it from the inside because I'm in there. But that's not good enough, that's not going to work we're going to do is do what any other person would do as a citizen. Like I said, you go to records, get a copy of your reports. I'm gonna go down there and we're going to write a letter. We'll sit down and we'll write a letter to the chief and ask her to please investigate this and find out how a death threat can be changed to a made fun of their lifestyle. Yeah, sort of thing and we'll just keep you posted to see what happens.

Meanwhile, back with the chief, she had a beautiful baby, eight pounds and 12 ounces. And to me her husband said that he one of the newscasters. I believe it was Marlene McClinton on Channel 11 said that she had heard rumors that Chief Watson was not going to return to the department as the chief, right? And wanted to know if that was true. And the Chiefs husband, who is a sergeant at HPD said that the outcome of the birth had determined the response to that question. And there was some concern from the chief that if there was a problem with her child, or with her that she might not go back? Oh, well, that's very different. The baby is healthy, and the chief is healthy. And Sergeant Watson assured channel 11 And everybody else, which I was very glad to hear that Chief Watson will be back in probably six to eight weeks. That's soon just in time to get our letter. Oh. So we'll see what happens. But she had a beautiful baby, it was on television this afternoon all scrunched up, like babies look, you know, the day after

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they're born, you know, I just get this feeling that non gay and lesbian people probably figure that gay and lesbian people don't get excited. By the birth of a baby.

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I was very excited about this. We all are. Because chief Watson is a very wonderful woman. Personally, I get to meet with her as president of the Houston Police support personnel Union on a monthly basis. And she's very, very cordial and very, very interested in, you know, the issues that affect us as civilian employees. And it's nice to have that we didn't have that from Chief Brown. Chief Brown operated the department without any civilians and with almost no police officers, as long as it looked good on television, and on paper, it flew who? Now chief Watson is a little more realistic about things. And it's, it's going to be good for Houston. Well, so we want her back. It takes people to put together a police department. And I know that she can't hear this. But if she could hear this, I would say Chief, I really wish you and your family

the best of the holiday season. And I really wish your son could hear this song, so I'm going to play it for him. His name is David Ryan Watson. And now he's a couple of days old. And when he grows up and can hear music, I certainly don't encourage him to be gay or straight. Because those decisions aren't made by us, not by him. They're made by forces way beyond our control because God knows if I could have decided I would have decided to be straight, and had a wife and kids and lived in a house with a little picket fence and not gone through all of the harassment and all of the bigotry and all of the hatred and all the homophobia that I've had to face for the last 30 some odd years. But when I was David's age, if I had heard something like this, maybe my life wouldn't be as screwed up as it is now. Maybe I wouldn't have to spend as much money on therapist as I do now. Maybe I wouldn't have to spend as many lonely hours as I do in places like CBC saunas and bookstore back rooms and French Quarter theatres and maybe I wouldn't be as lonely at Christmas as I am now if someone had told me as a small child something sort of like this. We



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have cleared off the table the leftover saved washed the dishes



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and put them



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That's Danny Davis sand the Nashville brass. Oh, it's one of my all time favorite Christmas albums. Yeah, because I grew up in Arkansas. It's kind of country.



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This is kind of my favorite. Real Who's this? This is Eugene Ormandy. And his orchestra. It's it's, it says childhood. To me, this is the kind of stuff that I remember when I was a kid.



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You know what I noticed about the Montrose singers tonight at the concert will have actually about the Montrose singers. But do you know what I noticed at the concert was that there were two people who came in right after the beginning of the concert, and we're making a hell of a lot of racket in the upper left hand side of the auditorium. And I thought, well, how rude that just clickety clack clickety clanking everything around.



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Oh, yeah, I know what you mean. They



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sat down. Everything got quiet. And after the song that was singing while they entered. While there was applause between numbers, they were led down to the front of the theater. Yeah. Was a young woman and a young man who were blind. Yes. And she had her seeing eye dog with her. And I began to cry thinking Good God, how fortunate we are to have eyes to see someone in his theater making so much noise. How fortunate we are to see the smiles and the faces on the faces of Montreux singers as they really do enjoy sharing this program



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as a bunch of people who really love to sing,



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you know, I went to take Roger to work the other day. And on the way back, I counted seven people between downtown where he works. And the house lying on the street. Along the curb, or under bridges. Apparently sleeping. Yeah. There's a lot on the way to work. I saw two people an older woman and a younger man who couldn't have been more than 25 or 30. Digging through the trash at the convenience store on the corner of Hyde Park in Montrose. And then, on duty that day at the police department. I get several calls from people complaining about vagrants, begging for food and money on the streets. And I was just put back tonight in my place by this young woman and her friend who will blind and made you realize that Christmas is so much more than give some trees and presents and even friends or family. It's just really taking the time which we don't take and I don't know why we don't is to realize how lucky we are. And I'm not talking about as gay and lesbian people I'm talking about just as people alive and breathing. You know, creatures. There was a program on one of the cable channels the other night, I believe it was on Disney, talking about how we mistreat so many animals that live with this on this planet. And how that there are 1000s and 1000s of cats and dogs that are put to sleep every day because their owners will allow them to run free and they multiply and just keep adding to the problems of wild and stray animals in our streets and how that they are humanely put to sleep but their lives are snuffed out because we don't care. And I was watching the news the last couple of days there's some place where they're digging up now looking at digging the ground everywhere and looking for toxic waste that was buried 10 years ago. Yeah. And the workmen digging the hole in the ground said well, we didn't really think about it 10 years ago and that's really true. That the reason I'm on this kick, I guess is because I wonder how many of us really stop and think about why we're even here. You know, I see gay men at the boughs and the bookstores and the bar is just walking down the street and they've got so much attitude. Like they're poopoo don't stink



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and You know what, you may spend



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hours in front of the mirrors, combing their hair and getting just so every Heron play so they can go out and

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what's it all for?

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You know, you wonder if they've ever sent any money to the AIDS Foundation or to the switchboard or to keep PFT or if they've ever volunteered to Montreux singers, exactly if they've ever sat and listened to the Montreux singers, if they've ever been to a Romanovsky, and Philips concert, if they've ever got down on their knees and actually did, what gay men are supposed to do when there's another naked man standing in front of you, and he's all excited, and you're all excited, they don't even do that. Their lives is such a waste. They don't even know what life is about baby, let alone what Christmas is about. I've said this before Harvey Milk's at one time in Dallas, I was going to tell you that I came here to recruit you. But we don't have to recruit you. Because just your presence in this room means that you're recruited. Just as your ear tuned to this program, indicates that you're recruited. So our Christmas present to you is going to be absolutely nothing other than what you can give yourself. Harvey said you have to give them hope. When I realized the other day, we can't even really do that. Because if you can't give yourself hope, no one can give it to you. And if you're in a family situation or a job situation. I mean, even the attorney tonight from the Texas Human Rights Foundation said, Well, you're real lucky working for the Santa you're protected. That could be fired Tuesday. I don't know who he thinks he is or what planet he's on. I mean, I don't have anything special. The only reason they don't screw around with me, is the same reasons that they don't screw around with Perry Watkins. And the same reasons that the Supreme Court said that the United States Army cannot discriminate against him because of his sexual orientation. Because Perry Watkins, who was a sergeant in the Army served 14 years in the Army, and he didn't give a damn, who knew that he was gay. If you're hiding, they can use it against you. If you're not, they can't. What we're going to give you for Christmas is the thought that Frank gave us during the news that if 1000s of gay people would go to City Hall on Tuesday, and ask politely for something we would get it. Right talked about a young man that was fired from his job for listening to after hours. If every gay and lesbian person had called that company, and just said, What the hell is going on down there and hung up. We could have tied up their phone lines for days.

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Sure, good.

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If every gay and lesbian person in the county would have sent them one postcard. It just said grow up. Their desk would have been covered with mail. Every gay and lesbian person would drop a little note to Steven Hulsey. You would very quickly realize that he's the one that's in the

minority. And he's the one that better sit down and mine his place, not us. We haven't done anything wrong. So what we're going to give you for Christmas baby isn't nothing. Because you're already hooked. I remember Matt column in here one time getting so angry. Because this didn't go his way. And that didn't go his way. And it's only because Matt knows Matt's on the mountaintop with Martin Luther King just like we are just like you are. And it's frustrating as hell to look down there and see all these people wallowing around in filth and ignorance. thanking our child all you got to do is step up here and it's much much better. The air is much much clearer. Your sex drive gets much, much stronger. Can't do anything about it because they're standing around in their town but that's what we're Gonna give you for Christmas is nothing you're gonna have to give it to yourself. But I just want you to stop while you're pouring the eggnog and ripping through the presents and looking at the lights twinkle, that there are a lot of people that can't see the lights. There are a lot of people that can't hear the paper as it's torn from the package. There are a lot of people that can't walk through the malls. A lot of people that haven't got the means to buy presents for their children or their lovers. There are a lot of people gay and lesbian people. Some tragically with AIDS, living in the streets, because they're hundreds of 1000s of people in the United States, living in the streets, homeless. Because this government's too busy spending billions and billions of dollars fighting the American way. against somebody like Saddam Hussein, three chairs what are the red, white and blue? Our people are starving and eating out of garbage. But boy, we're going to teach Saddam Hussein a lesson. We got to get oil so those that have money can buy more gas and go more places and spend more money.



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We are addicted to oil in this country.



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Who cares? We've got to have our garbage cans spending millions and millions of dollars a day. And you know what's funny about all that? The war, George Bush, all the hostages came home and he said, by golly, we'll give them till the third of January and we'll give them to the 15th and we'll get them to they just can't wait to start shooting. I saw report on CNN the other day, they've only got three weeks worth of bullets, so they have to do everything they're going to do in three weeks. Or they're gonna run out run out of ammunition. It's called insanity. Oh, anyway, we're here and work we certainly are. Now we're gonna tell you that for Christmas, baby, you're on your own. Now for living your life day to day you're not because we're going to be here and we're going to be there for you. But we're not gonna let you forget that there are hundreds of 1000s of kids that are away from their folks and away from their moms and dads brothers and sisters in some godforsaken place, waiting to die, so that Texaco and Amoco and tenneco and shell and all those places can pump that oil to you. In the meantime, when the bodies start coming home I don't know what I don't know how they see right now. Do you see it on the news? When and this frustrates the hell out of me because our kids are standing there in the desert and the news comes on. Dun dun dun dun Dhirendra the flags waving and then it fades down quickly. And there's a young army type military MP you know, Marine Air Force Navy, they're all the same standing there and no deserts. Hey, hi, this is Joe Blow from Houston. And I want to say hi to my mom and dad and all the folks back there in Texas and then they stop and have this look on their face like is that it? And then the music comes up done. It's called propaganda. Is it ever is to make this feel good. Now that see they ran out of

Houston servicemen so now they're using servicemen from Dallas and Austin and Fort Worth and Beaumont pigs nickel, Texas. And when they run out of those, we'll get some from Arkansas and Oklahoma because they got 1000s and 1000s and 1000s of people waiting to die for the good of the old red, white and blue or that oily stuff that they dip the flag in when they're going to run to the refinery. Just don't forget that there's so many people who don't even turn on KPFT that don't know there is life after coming out of the closet and started to say life after death I guess there is because when you're living a life like that you're really not living at all if you're afraid that your family is going to find out or your job is going to find out or your best friend is going to find out you're really not living anything you're just kind of stuck and dead or dying if you really don't know how to open up and experience love than you ain't got diddly so God, I wish I could sit down and have coffee with you. And really tell you how easy it is baby. I was there with you. I'm sure Jimmy was to and Frank and everybody else that's here every week knock on ourselves, we were there right where you are thinking I can't do it. I just can't do it was my job. I've lost jobs, lose my family, I've lost family. Just don't lose your life. Dr. King said something one time. And I heard him say it years ago in a tape. And I never did really understand it. Until a couple of years ago, when I played it on this show. Dr. King said, If you don't have something worth dying for. And I'm not talking about the oil and the flag and how much we don't like Saddam Hussein. If you don't have something worth dying for.



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Think about it.



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If you don't have something worth dying for, then you don't got nothing worth living for.



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We're gonna be marathoning in January, and Jimmy and I are going to be sitting here sweating, our little coding is off, trying to get people to call and pledge. When really all we got to do is say call in and pledge and the phone should ring off the wall. But it don't happen that way. Just like Frank said, there are a couple of people that go to the marches. And the rallies and the rest of us are left holding the bag. Well, a Christmas from us, you're gonna get nothing. Other than this reminder, do you really know it's Christmas time? And we're not talking about in South Africa. Think about it. The BBC is coming up. And we'll be back. Frank and Richard and Roger and Kathleen, and who else we can get in here is going to talk about holidays. And we'll just see what happens until then.



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You're on your own. No,



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This dialogue is not transcribed in full. Only key points are covered. It does

I'm kidding. just think about what we're trying to tell you. Cindy does make any sense. It does. Why wouldn't be listening



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you've been talking about we're not going to give him anything but there is something that we give him every week WhatsApp. It is Harvey's message of hope. And you've been talking now for quite a few minutes. And this same thing keeps going through my mind that Harvey said you cannot live on hope alone. That's true. But without it. Life is not worth living.



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And as Harvey said, it's your job, not mine and Jimmy's we already gave you the hope. You got to give it to somebody else. yourself. The people you work with your family, your friends. If they don't care, they're really not your friends. Until we do what Harvey Milk said nothing's going to change nothing. I don't care how many laws they repeal appeal, vote and vote out. Until we do what Harvey Milk said nothing is gonna change. And what Harvey Milk said was we must destroy the myths that's what we do here.



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That's what you're doing now.



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And that's what we're gonna continue to do. Here's Harvey and then the BBC. Hang on. We'll be back in a minute.



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We must destroy the myth Swinson draw shot shatter them. We must continue to speak out. And most importantly, most importantly, every gay person must come out. As difficult as it is, you must tell your immediate family. You must tell your relatives. You must tell your friends if indeed they are your friends, you must tell your neighbors you You must tell the people you work with. You must tell the people in the stores you shop in



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once they realize that we are indeed their children, and we are indeed everywhere, every myth, every lie, every innuendo will be destroyed once and for all. And once you do, you will feel so much better. You ever wanted to be KPFA? Come on out. Join us bring a friend. What do you think about the turnout so far? Well, it's never enough never enough.



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