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Chris Harrison 00:00

Oh okay, that was Tevin Campbell, round and round the soul mix, edit. You're listening to after hours, we got another thank you to put out here, David, calling in with his pledge support here to KPFT. And we appreciate that very much.



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Thank you. And



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so we've got got that we got him to thank. And we would love to thank you on air. So calling with your pledge of support here at KPFT at 713-526-5738. And become a member of the after hours family.



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And is, of course, the third Sunday, which is a lesbian, lesbian segment. That's what we're here. Diane rose, welcome to after hours.



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Thank you very much. It's great to be here.



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I've been kind of looking forward to this. This is of course, a lesbian segment. And this is where we get to talk about the issues that involve with lesbian communities. But first, we I guess we need to get to know you and everything right there. How would you want to open it up? This is going to be your show. So you get to do it? Well.



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I don't know how I will open it, quite frankly. But I can tell you a little bit about myself a little bit of my background. I've been gay all my life. I believe I was born this way. And I have been to the original Stonewall parade in New York City in 1971, which was two years after the Stonewall event. Stonewall event was actually in August, or actually was June, June, June, June 29 1969. I believe 1969. Well, the following year, I'll have a group of gay people that were at the previous year's riots showed up in memory and commemorative of that event, and started discussing and maybe getting the annual thing together, including a march a short marched down to Carnegie Hall. The following year, is that occurred 1971. And I was fortunate enough, I was 18 years old.



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To be there. You must have had fun. That must have been a it was a blast. And I'm telling you what was the what was the most memorable moment of that night.



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I think looking down the street and saying 30 to 40,000 gay people when I thought I was probably the only one in the state that I came from, which was Mississippi. And I saw all these gay people. And I thought, Oh, my goodness, look at all the people fighting for our rights. And then remember, I'm 18. And I said, Surely we're going to have all of our rights in three or four months look at the people supporting us. Well, now 35 years later, we have come away, but we have much further to go. And



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you you've actually been influenced about a lot of that. We'll discuss that more. But speaking of Mississippi, you mentioned that you were arrested in Mississippi for a high school incident or there was that? Well, you wanted to become a mechanic. They were like no woman go make biscuits.



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Well, in this particular instance, I wasn't arrested but I was suspended from high school for the charge was inciting a riot. It was during my junior year, and we were discussing our electives for the following year. Traditionally, all the girls in school to come next, how mad and then all the boys got to take shop or auto mechanics. And I was more interested in auto mechanics than I was making a cake or a skirt. So naively I raised my hand and asked if I could take auto mechanics. Well, the crowd went crazy. And they couldn't get the meeting, reorganized again.

And remember, this is 1967 68 timeframe when all the riots were occurring. And in Mississippi, they were so afraid of race, they accused me of inciting one at that time. And just for asking a simple question. Can I take on or mechanics? Did



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you did you ever get to take them again? Oh, absolutely



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not. Absolutely not. I spent three days in detention and failed my home economics course.



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And that's a new that's when you went off towards to New York. What did you do in New York or in that time for how long were you? I wasn't



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an actor. I wasn't in New York. I just went there for the parade. I lived in Washington, DC. I left Mississippi at 17 and went straight to Washington DC, the furthest away from Mississippi where I knew one person. And I guess what propelled me in that direction was I was arrested for being gay in Jackson, Mississippi, in 1970. And spent eight days in solitary confinement, what was the charge? I mean, what was it contribute contributing to the delinquency of a minor? And I wasn't minor but they told me because I was three months older than my girlfriend that I was still contributing. And keep in mind, minors have no rights to start off with At the time I had was not associated with my parents I had left home to be on my own. And I spent eight days in solitary confinement because they didn't want me mingling with the other inmates and influencing them to be gay.



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I'm curious, how did that come along that you were arrested for being with your girlfriend? How did that happen to someone?



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Did they just say parents? Her parents parents? Yes. Originally, her father was an ally of ours. And I mean, he let me borrow his car. He supported the relationship. And then his wife found out and said that he she would be leaving him unless he made sure that Cindy, my girlfriend didn't see me anymore. So they actually put her in jail to not just me.



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Do you still stay in touch with Cindy?



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Is this someone? This is 30 something years ago, we've lost touch. And I've lost touch and moved a couple of times since then.



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Back back in Washington, what did you do in Washington, all those How long did you live in Washington for living in



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Washington, the majority of the 70s. I left there in 79, to move to Houston. And during that time, I put myself to school, I drove a cab actually put myself to school. Dan Rather in my cab, George Kennedy. John didn't burden. It was interesting. And I went to the computer school and got involved in computers, which my father said was just a face.



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It seems to work out well for you. It did work out.



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It led to a lot in my life and opened my life up for a lot of opportunity.



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And Houston. No. So you've been in Houston since 7979,



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moved down. So that's glow quick math. That's like 26 years, yes, I'm naturalized or naturalized. And those 26 years, you've actually accomplished a few things. Well,



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I've had an opportunity to help bring about domestic partner benefits at several corporations I worked for. I spent 14 years at Digital Equipment Corporation, which is now defunct, but at the time was the second largest manufacturer of computers, next to IBM, that 126,000 employees worldwide \$14 billion company. And I also did some diversity training there, which was quite pioneering back in the early 90s. We had a program, our human resources department had a program for Black History Month and women's month. But one day in the elevator, I said, Hey, Dempsey wins gay month. Because well, don't y'all get a month in the summer? I said, no, they call it Gay Pride Week, we only get a week. And he said, We'll do something there. And I said, Well, you know, let me think about it. And at the time, the internet didn't exist. And I didn't know what I was going to talk about. Because there as far as resources and publications out there, to find out about our history, there wasn't a whole lot out there. But I did manage to come up with enough to do an hour of diversity training and invite the office. It was both one of the most stressful days in my life and one of the best days in my life. How



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did how did you learn about organizing, this is obviously was new to you back then there was no brand new brand new, there was no materials that you could look on, or no experience or anything like that. So basically, everything that you did for Digital Works was on your own. Yep, a lot of trial and error, a lot of mistakes. Well,



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I don't look at it as mistakes, learning opportunities, learning. And I had a few of those, that the first event I did it for three years in a row, the first event, I went to the library and found out a little bit about, you know, the pink triangle, what does it mean? How we were treated in the Holocaust era, and talked a little bit about our history and where we are today. And that pretty much took up the lunch hour. It was interesting and quiet. There wasn't a lot of questions. At the end, though, I felt like I had just been to church or something. There was a line at the door waiting to hug me each person as I walked out. So you had



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an excellent response. Absolutely. And I imagine if that company was still in business, it would probably raise I want to ask that as MCI they, they still have your MCI does have domestic partner benefits now, then you're you are responsible for have them.



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i Well, I'm not totally responsible, everybody is responsible that stood up and asked for it. I was one of the first people that insisted that we have equal pay for equal work. And they consider that 30% of your income, or your compensation is benefits. Well, if I'm being denied that then I'm not getting the same pay for the same work. I personally did not want domestic partner benefits for my partner and I we each had our individual insurance, but I thought it was

important to have the opportunity to have that available to us, as heterosexual couples did and married couples. So I had to prove to them that it was going to be a great cost increase I had some research that showed that most technology companies were the leading edge and coming out with domestic partner benefits. I contacted some other HR people, it does corporations, and it did not increase the cost. And that was usually the main reason that they did not that they gave us that they did not want to offer us the benefits.



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So that's kind of interesting. Back in the 90s, you were kind of a role model for any they did anybody follow your footsteps? Anybody? Did you help anybody else? Well,



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we had we established a gay and lesbian group, actually, at Digital Equipment Corporation that did not exist before. I was probably the only one out of the closet. It's hard for me not to be out of the closet, I can't imagine being in the closet. But most of the my co workers were in the closet at that time. And I think it gave them more of a comfort zone to express who they weren't who they were, I was able to show the corporation how being out of the closet was good for business. It's good for business, because you don't have a percentage of a person holding back, afraid that they may reveal something about themselves, that would indicate that they were gay and out themselves. So people were more reserved. If they were not out of the closet. If you're out of the closet, you're free to not use all that energy and concealment. And use that energy to come up with new creative projects and ideas and technology. That's a pretty



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good point. Before it's so there's a lapse there for nine years after you didn't really you weren't any evolve in any kind of you were just kind of in Washington. Here in Texas. You weren't involved in anything before this.



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So I started out and getting involved in my company. That was the first that was the first thing you did and then I started doing more in the community. I did a an eight Athan dance at Rich's and raised I think it was \$7,000 which was a lot of money back then. That was me my best friend Annabelle Evora, who's now in Miami that I was fortunate to see last weekend at Aqua girl Oh girl, which is a, an annual circuit party for lesbians. They estimate five to 6000 women were there. This is the fifth year they've done have done it. And all the proceeds go to the Women's Fund in Miami. But it's an excellent time I encourage all of our listeners to mark your calendars for next year about this time, they'll be having the sixth anniversary and there's nonstop parties, luncheons, pool parties, night parties, all women DJs all women parties, it was a blast.



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It's actually sound it does sound fun in Miami of all places. That's a good place to help from all over the world. Were there. As you said, you went to the original Stonewall in 71. Have you noticed anything but that has influenced you and this motivational kick for ego rights? Any? Do you reflect? Or do you kind of anything that you try to do? Do you introduce Stonewall into it or anything like that? I'm just kind of curious, we are coming out with gay pride. And yes,



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we are. I reflect often on that event, you know, being an 18 year old coming to that large city like New York and seeing all the gay people besides myself was very enlightening for me. And I think about all the other 18 year olds out in rural America that don't have the exposure to a big city with others to support their orientation. It's lonely, it's sad. You know, Statistics have shown that one out of three teenage suicides happen to be a gay teen. And those are the ones that actually left the note. It could be higher than that they didn't leave a note. They haven't done any studies for people in their 20s 30s or 40s. And so on, but I'm sure being isolated and not feeling good about who you are and not having a support. It's got to be depressing.



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Where Where did you get your How did you deal with it? I mean, how did you how did you handle it



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with comedy with common comedy? Yes, I did. Most of my school years I was an introvert I, you know, held back because I didn't want anybody to find out who I was. I took my lunch out to the end of the football field and ate it by myself. And then in 11th grade, something clicked. I don't know what it was. But I started being sarcastic and people thought I was funny. I got released in high school. Being free to say what I wanted to say really inspired me to say exactly what I wanted to say. And I've been saying it ever since the



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end. It seems to be working for you on the when was the 25th anniversary of Stonewall what what that was?



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That was 90 490-495-9394 194 was in New York. Yeah, went back to the 25th. Did you?



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Did you run into any old flames or any old haunts back there that you hadn't seen for years? I

Did you run into any old names or any old names back there that you hadn't seen for years? I didn't



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run into any familiar faces, but a lot of familiar scenes. It was quite different than 25 years prior to that, of course,



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I was going to ask you, could you describe the atmosphere kind of the scenes where there was? Well, you know,



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we had 30 or 40,000 people back in 71. And it was crowds were estimated 1.5 million on the 25th anniversary. We had two parades in New York that day, we had it a little bit of a divided community. Queer Nation took one route, and the general parade took another route. The police wanted coordination took the original route, that all the other parades were had been on because of such a large event. New York City police wanted us to take a specific route, which the organized parade did. But Queer Nation in I don't know how big their crown was, but it was huge. Took the other route. And we both convened at the end, it was pretty, pretty cool.



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All right. No, I don't know. But you said that you weren't currently involved with any activities? Do you have any plans or any new ideas or any new approaches? Or?



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Well, I'm not involved in any formal organizations, per se. I mean, I contribute. But as far as actively doing something, I do stuff one on one every day. You can't underestimate what power one on one has was someone. I'll tell you story. And I went to the March on Washington in 1993. And after the March, we were sitting at a restaurant outside the whole table of us, you know, cutting up laughing. The parade was over, having a few cocktails. And all of a sudden, I hear this voice. This man says I'm a redneck from Oklahoma. And I don't appreciate one thing y'all are doing. And I said, Well, I was sitting down he was standing up by our table. I said, I hate looking up to rednecks. Could you sit down, let's talk about it. And he did. He sat down. We ended up talking for three hours. He was he was the city councilman from a small town in Oklahoma. I don't recall what town it was. He brought his colleagues over, they sat down. We all talked ended up two of them had gay relatives, one a brother and one a cousin. And we had an opportunity to enlighten them about some of the things we go through and how important it is for our family to support us. By the time we left there. The city councilman picked up the entire town bought us dinner, and was hugging her next even gave me his address. One on

One is very impacted if there's a lot of us out there that can sit down one on one and talk human to human. Otherwise, we're just a face or just a movement. But when people know you as a human being they can relate to you they understand they connect,



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what curious you say the one on one. What What problems do you have with the gay community itself and addressing the issues that are we're addressing now same sex marriage is the union of the amendments in the state constitutions. What? Do you have any issues the way they're handling it? Now? Do you have a different perspective on how they should handle it?



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Well, you know, I'm not going to offer advice if I'm not stepping up to the plate. I think our our community, our organized community has done a tremendous job. I think back to one on one again, people don't think we should get married because they think it's a threat to traditional marriage. I have yet to have anybody define what that threat is. I think the biggest threat to marriage is divorce, divorce, they should make that illegal, I guess I don't know. But it's very important to our community to have that legal representation. There are over 4000 different rights that were being denied both economic and socially, because we're not legally married. The bills that are up right now in state of Texas, they don't even want us to see civil unions. I mean, it's it's really bad. Unfortunately, it's the far right. That is the most vocal or the far left, but the far right is always more vocal because there are more of them. I think if we get somewhere in between, and the one on back to the one on one again, people will understand. A long time ago I guess this was about 15 years ago Newsweek did a did a study on they asked a bunch of people whether or not they thought gay should have equal rights in the workplace, should they be allowed to work and not be fired because they're gay. Most of the responses were positive for those that admitted they knew at least one gay person. Everybody that did not admit that they knew or knew that they knew one person was against it. So back to the moral of the story. When you're out, and you talk to somebody like a human being, and they get to know you, then they believe that you should have a right to work. Now a right to work and a right to marry. Because of all the sticky religious stuff around. It kind of skews people. But once again, when they talk to you and realize that you're a loving human being just like they are, then they have empathy and they understand aren't just flip the tables. You know, what if one day you woke up, everything was different, and you could only marry your same sex, you could marry your opposite sex, a heterosexual step back and think, Okay, wait a minute, I'm visualizing. Now, I did this to my dad. I can't imagine my dad marrying a man and he could neither. But he understood and felt what it must be like from our side, to be denied the right to love the person and marry the person we love. That's,



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yeah, let me interject something here. Because it's always been my contention that the whole marriage issue is much like the Don't Ask Don't Tell military issue and that these issues were thrust on us. These were not issues that we actively sought out. And so perhaps, we're not really cohesive about it, because we didn't start it. We we reacted to something thrown at us.



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Absolutely. And if you look at marriage, how it started marriage was originally an ownership document of the wife. You know, it was not about love. It's about property. Absolutely. That's what it was. So, you know, looking at it, where it started to where it is now, who would want to be property or inherited before? And you know, quite frankly, they can call it what they want to call it. I don't think anybody I think there should be all civil unions. And if you're religious and you want to be married, then go do that in your church. But if everybody's equal, then it's all civil unions. If we're financially intertwined, then when we get a divorce, it should be 50/50. To everybody, not just one half of the the person. Yeah, I



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think people don't realize that there are two marriages in America, there is the legal marriage that happens. It's City Hall, and then there's the religious part of it, you must have the legal part. The religious part is up to you. Now, Pete, a lot of people here in America have reversed that in their minds, that they feel that the religious part is the legal part. And and that's, I think, what's screwing them up, the



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separation of church and state has got to get confused. Mel White, I don't know if anybody's read his book stranger at the gate. But it's very interesting, what the agenda is on that side. And because we are all different religions, we are not one religion. And we need those different religions, because we're all on a separate path, individual path at different evolutionary stages. And we need that type of religion in our life. We should not dictate or judge what anybody's religion is that's separate from the law, or should be, and



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that's the other thing with the United States. Most other countries have a state religion or a religion that most people belong to. And that's not the case here. Now, we're dealing with a lot of different religions and ways of life and ways of looking at their their maker.



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Absolutely. And that's one of the things we're most proud of is the melting line. So it's also



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the thing that causes the most problem. You're





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absolutely right. You're absolutely right.



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I didn't mean to take over Oh, no, no, I



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was just discussing marriage. That kind of goes on both ways. You're taking it. You have a personal issue with marriage that you well spoke earlier.



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I had a pretty bad experience. About three years ago, my partner and I worked together for 13 years, and been together that long. Of course, we were financially intertwined. We own a home together, and we had a lot of debt together. However, the debt unfortunately was only in my name. The house, however, was in both of our names. So when the relationship ended, we had assets and liabilities, but I was stuck with all the liabilities and only half of the assets. And she walked away with half of the assets. Interesting enough. Her attorney was Michelle Katyn, the guy that overturned sodomy. Yes, right. And I asked Michel, I said, Michel, I know you're fighting for marriage rights. And if I know what you believe in and being that the case, don't you think it's only fair to split The liabilities and the assets. He goes, nope, we don't have to do that because it's not the law yet. And I'm representing my client. Who's being the good Lord. Well, I think verb lawyers also have a moral obligation. And part of the lawyers creed is that moral obligation that was blurred in this incident.



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Absolutely. Although we don't usually think of lawyers and morality in



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the same sense, I think are right in this case.



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But everything out in the end just worked out fine for you.



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Everything happens just like it's supposed to. Yes. Just like us adversity makes you a better person builds your character, your stamina, and you go on she got screwed.



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It made her just that much more of what she is. She writes



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I'm resilient.



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She's tough. She rides a Harley. I mean, I can't wait to see I'm gonna keep an eye out and there's look for you because in the neighborhood and that Harley is beautiful. Do you go on do you go on a hog rides?



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Well, I rode my bike with 13 other women only to the wish



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forgetting like I don't Oh, I was just say, don't tell me there's a lesbian biker club. Actually,



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there's a gay biker club called hams, Houston area motorcycle society. But we wrote to Sturgis South Dakota. That was quite a trip of certain 313 hour days. We went along scenic route. And when I got home, I parked my motorcycle for a month. My bed was a little sore. But normally I take shorter trips than that, you know around town Galveston or Texas Austin.



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Sounds like you do have fun. You're you regularly come out here once a once in a while. So you stay you stay versed in the scene and everything like that going on. I was talking to you earlier out there. The Gay Pride coming up June 25. Do you want to discuss on Yes,



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I'm excited. Every year our parade keeps getting bigger and bigger. It's It's so refreshing to see corporate America step up to the plate and participate in our parade. Every year. We have twice the corporate sponsorship than we had the year before last year. We even had the mayor

March and hopefully he's going to do that this year, too. We've got the uniform Houston police marching. They



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think I think was it last year the second time they marched? Yes. This is be the third time they marched in our parade and fired upon the whole they



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get the biggest cheers.



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They but you're helping go to float for? Yeah,



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Berry Hill was there last year was their first year as you know they have a restaurant over on Montrose in Hawthorne. And Sundays. They have an awesome Tea Party for new buddy listing it usually starts around four o'clock. So for by 830 and it's packed with men and women, both heterosexual and gay. And it's a good mixer for us. But



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how did you get how did you get to be on the float? Designer for Barry? How did did you just offer he come up and as he asked



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asked me if I had any ideas on how we could because last year they decided to participate like four days before the parade. said whoa yeah, as i said i i can help you build it or whatever we need to do and he pulled it off. So this year might be something here I think we're going to do it a little bit. Maybe 15 days and I'm sure we'll pull it off again this year. And whether or not I'm gonna be writing the float I haven't decided I am going to help him build it and put it together.



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Just want to remind people that we are listening to at 90.1 KPFT 89.5 Gao is 10 It is our fun drive. Need to call that 713-526-5738 any little bit helps. We are talking to Diane rose who's hopefully the new host of the lesbian segment which she seems very excited about doing it. I pumped I can't wait to Yeah, we're gonna have to record you writing your Harley up to the radio station and here's that lesbian out there and then and then



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and then an ESA reisberg Oh, how are you?



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Well, we won't go into the geometrics of the vibrations of that motorcycle. What are you 253 20
What what's your what's what kind of Harley Do you ride?



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It's a Road King is rocking. Just 13 180 CC's I guess you know chromo sexual



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Is there anything that you want to broach that I'm not because I'm not sure? Anything you want
to talk about? There's any side stories you want to share?



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Oh, boy, do I have some stories? Where do I start?



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You can go anywhere you want to? Well So you brought some notes, which I



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brought a couple of notes here. And I'm seeing if I've covered the ones that I wanted to cover.
No, no, there was fortunate enough one year, this was the 25th anniversary of the San
Francisco gay pride. You went to that, too. I did. As a matter of fact, that same day, I was up in
Washington, DC on business. And I flew out on that Sunday, straight into San Francisco for a
course and got to do two gay parades. West Coast east coast the same day, or that's hot out,
man. It was awesome. Awesome. So



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you did the parade in New York. And you did the parade in DC, which was during the day
morning, noon? Day?



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Yeah, they have all the everybody I know has theirs in the day, except for down here because of the heat, of course, that they would have a bigger crowd. They did it at night that I think regardless of the heat, but both San Francisco and New York had theirs in the day, but there's a time change difference three hours. So I was able to make both of them.



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How was the San Francisco compared to how was the East Coast compared to the West Coast, San



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Francisco was much more festive, much more festive. You know, being Washington, there's a more political atmosphere, and maybe a little more reserved than the San Francisco parade. And it was it was great. Both of them were great. And having an opportunity to do both of them in the same day, especially the 25th anniversary in San Francisco was quite the treat.



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I'm trying to figure out where else to where else where else to take tea. With this new avenue that you hear is there. I already asked you this earlier, you're not clear on what you don't have any ideas and he kind of thoughts that you directions that you want to go? Well, there's a lot out there that you can sit there and attire



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is a lot out there. And I have a theory that having having asking our community what's important to them. I used to do a monthly women's party called eye candy. And the eye candy was primarily just to get a place a nice place for us to go once a month and raise some money for charity. Now I first time we did it, I pick the charity was SPCA. I put a box up, however, and put a voting tablet and I said, Okay, everybody put in your vote, whoever gets the most votes, whatever the charity is the following month, the proceeds will go to that one. And I think asking them back to what they want and having them involved in it makes it better for everybody. It enlightens everybody, it certainly lightens me. So going forward, if any listeners out there have any specific topics they would like to talk about, I certainly would like to know that and I can do what I can to talk about it or do a little bit research on my homework before I get here, and hopefully have an interesting conversation. Do you



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still hold? Or do you still do I can't? I'm sorry. I



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know I was cancelled due to lack of interest.



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It happens a lot.



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It does happen a lot.



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What other what other programs? Have you started? Besides I can't anything similar?



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Not why Kenny was the only one I did on my own. I was involved with a couple other HRC and uncommon legacy. But that was not something I did by myself. They had their own golf tournaments and organizations being



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active during the 90s of what you were doing for the corporation's everything like that. How were you? How did the AIDS HIV AIDS scene back then? Did you were you it was



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definitely impacted. Especially you know, as far as domestic partner benefits goes, one of the arguments, of course, was all we can afford to put the gays on there because all of y'all have AIDS, don't you? And of course, I had to do a little bit of research, put some statistics in front of them, show them that that was not the case. So that was just another fear that they had thinking that we were going to cost more if we put domestic partner benefits up. And I said you're looking at it wrong. It's not a matter of cost. It's a matter of equal pay. And if you can't afford to pay everybody the same, or if you can't afford to pay more over here, then pay less over there. So at least everybody's the same. And I think finally it resonated with a few companies and they agreed and put that in however, there are very large Eastern corporations Exxon Mobil for one that has does not even have sexual orientation or EEO policy. Their board meetings coming up in the next couple of weeks. And I understand that's one of the topics. There is a large organization called Eagle, gay and lesbian organization within Exxon, not formally sanctioned by their HR department that is fighting to get at least sexual orientation in their EEO policy. A Mobil used to have domestic partner benefits. And when the companies merged together, Exxon decided that they would grandfather, whoever was currently on

domestic partner benefits. However, no new partners would be allowed benefits. And if your existing partner and you separated, your next partner would not be able to have them. So they're basically trying to phase it out,



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as has all these all these attempts over these, have they've always been supportive? Have you gotten some negative feedback from?



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Oh, no, have



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you had some dirty, dirty little thing dicta has happened and Well, I haven't



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had any personal vindictiveness, however, you don't know what's happening behind your back or what they're saying you can tell by the tone, when you approach someone as whether or not they believe that that is an equal pay issue, or think that you shouldn't be talking to them? Who do you think you are, I mean, you can get that from somebody talking to them one on one. But most of those decisions were made at corporate headquarters, which was not in Houston, Texas. And my dialog was either via written documents or telephone. So to read somebody, you really need to be face to face with them to number one, see their body language, look into the soul of their eye, and see where they're coming from. It's hard to commute, as everybody knows, trying to communicate passion over email, sometimes looks either angry or not strong enough, because you had to be very careful of how you worded however you can communicate with someone face to face and get your point across saying the same thing you would have said on email, that would have never came out the other way. So we were at a disadvantage being a dispersed company, with the grassroots effort being from Houston. But unfortunate. Fortunately, we had some supporters in HR Do



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you do you look for large corporations around the area in Texas around nations? Do you look for large corporations that do not have equal equal rights in their iOS?



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The Human Rights Campaign has a website and they've got a very extensive list of all of the companies that offer domestic partner benefits and have sexual orientation included in their EEO policy, I would definitely advise anyone searching for a job or considering moving to

another company to check out their website and see if they're gay friendly, or what's the website again? hrc.org



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HRC? Dark the Human Resources Commission campaign



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campaign, yes.



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Just kind of curious, what's your political you're a Democrat, a blue collar Democrat or conservative?



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What am I I'm definitely not a Republican. Let me clarify that. You know, I'm for the person. And now that sounds kind of trite. So I'm not independent, because I think it's a wasted vote. Really? Yeah, it also does a split the vote. Now, if I had to choose from the buckets, they managed to put our society and it would have to be democratic. I think there shouldn't be two parties, though. I think there should be a person vote. That way. People would really have to learn what the issues are and what the person stood for. Rather than go into the voting booth and chicken off all Democrat or all Republican.



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Well, I might be going a little bit off here. But the Hillary Clinton for 2008 thing, what is your take on that?



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Vote for her and in New York? Second, would you? Absolutely. I think that woman's got a lot on the ball to put up with what she did, and come out still shining sparkly clean, after all the turmoil with her husband. So



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if anything, so in 2080, are you actually as evolved into the activities? You are? Do you think you? I don't know.



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I'm not sure she's running in 2008 is first of all. I mean, it would be it would be very, it would be excited, and I would definitely get politically involved. If she did run. However, that's not been determined yet. I don't really know. I



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was I was just kind of curious and where that would go in there because just seeing where



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I can I can see 2012 But I'm not sure about 2008 hertz stepping up to the plate or being nominated.



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But is is a category Hutchison that's running for Governor of Texas. Am I correct on that?



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She's a senator right then she may be running Yeah, that you know I'm sorry Kaylee Kay Bailey Hutchison is Phil Gramm and drag



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so you don't think she's gonna be helping on



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the HRC has a has a political act of letters that they send out to your senators and they can email you series a signup doesn't cost you a penny of delay though you will become a member or you know, make a \$25 donation is not required. And you can get on their email list where they send out alerts, and they already have a letter typed up. You go in there and just click Send after you put in your address, and they send a letter on your behalf. While I've sent many of these letters, and a couple of months later, I always get a response, which sounds like they didn't even read my letter. It was so generic and boilerplate. I've gotten a stack of those from Kay Bailey Hutchison, and Phil Gramm. So she's not a big supporter of our community now.



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So when I asked you earlier, what the what was your focus or what be your goal and all this, you basically just said? Well, let me clarify that I have ADD, I have no focus. That's very true. I

mean, how else do we burn through all this?



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Exactly. Now, as far as my focus goes, enlightenment as life is okay, I don't care if you want to talk about lesbians, or gays or straights, or spirituality or economics. I probably know a little bit about everything. I'm a jack of all trades and master of none. I'm sure you've heard that. But if I don't have the answer, I can guarantee you I can get the answer. I'm very resourceful. I'm just



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curious. Can you change the oil on that force? Yes, I can see it. Yes. You



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know, it inspired me getting getting suspended for asking take on mechanics, I can probably fix anything better than anybody I know.



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That's that's that's actually kind of funny to sit there. And. Well, I have actually no more. I have no more to sit there and carry this on. Unless you'd like to. It's been about 45 minutes.



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Okay, well, any listeners out there in anything fix call me every day?



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It's the lesbian automotive, correct? That's right, call us



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and not just automotive. I fix computers, washing machines. I just built a 12 by 24 workshop in my backyard. I know electric. Are



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you retiring? I mean, have you retired? And



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fortunately, I'm not retired and you don't look your age at all? I



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mean, not at all.



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Thank you, audience. I'm going to be 53 this year. And I feel like I'm 29



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you have the style of a 29 year old. Thank you. You're welcome. Is there any other final words that you'd like to close off any kind of parameters you want to set and you say



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anything, what I'd like to do is encourage each and every one of you to be real with all of your heterosexual friends. enlighten them, you'll find that heterosexual people will not broach the subject and you must do that because they feel uncomfortable. They feel like you don't want them to know or whatever. Be real with them. Let them see the loving human being you are. I'm just kind of curious. Do



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you have any? You don't have any children? Yes,



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I have two cats. Scooter and Ziggy. They're listening to Mom Yes in the divorce I got both the children you love cat? Actually, I didn't like get a dog person. But my ex liked cats. I had a dog growing up and broke my heart after 17 years and we had to put it sleep so I said I'd never had another dog right and I wasn't a cat person and she said we've got to have a cat and so on here if they die get a cat wrong oh man now this cats had sell everything and I love those cats as



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awesome so do you you feel comfortable coming here once a month



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every third Saturday lesbian I would absolutely love to come back your



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I think there's no problem and actually seeing you next next third Saturday cool. Chris doesn't have a headphone on in



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there and listeners out there send those emails in You got any special topics you want to talk about? Go ahead and give them your email address All right my email I'm gonna get your pen and pencil out it's Diane D I A N E underscore rose r o s e at SBC global.net. Again, that's Diane dia A and E underscore rose Roc at SBC global.net I promise you I'll respond. Thank you



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so much for coming by and I look forward to next Saturday see what you come up with it's all yours cool all yours. 30 you can catch Diane rose the new host of the lesbian segment here on KPFT. Chris, do you have a music segment way Yeah,



Chris Harrison 44:29

we got to put in a little something dancy. So



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just for you.



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Thank you my kind of music



Chris Harrison 44:36


is Bob Hartman and is coming out and we'll be right back and we're gonna do a little bit roundtable and we'll see in a moment was Project vector out of the closet and before that was Bob Hartman with coming out. This is after hours Queer radio with attitude. Let's responsive commercial free Pacific radio for the Gulf Coast. You know the rest? Why the hell are you not calling and why the hell am I saying? The hell are you waiting for? That's what I was. We need your pledge of support. We've got two wonderful donations. But you know what? Management wants more. We need more. We need you to dig and dig deep. It's quick, it's painless. And it doesn't revolve Oh, involve a condom. We need your places support at 7135 to 65738. And


because you haven't pledged, we now bring you the regularly scheduled roundtable discussion. Yes. Guess if you would pledge the support, we would stop this insanity. No, never. I don't think we can. We've got a couple of MBB letters. And we've got four wonderful topics that we're going to be bringing up. Just to give you a little scare the first topic number one, trends, sexual storms.


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Who?


 Chris Harrison 46:13
You it's gonna scare you. So let's start off with a round table call out start from the left, go to the right, because we've got this is Matt.


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This is Michael. David. Alex. Steven. That was from the right. Yeah.

 Chris Harrison 46:30
laughter I don't care. Chris is

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my right. Oh, what's your left? Oh, okay. I get it.

 Chris Harrison 46:37
Let's see, I am God over.

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It took me a long time to figure out left and right. If you

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look at from his point of view, he's looking at me. All right, how's those letters?

 Chris Harrison 46:51

We have to use the return the return in honor of Episode Three. Ladies and gentlemen. Dark fagot has returned. Yeah, he was in the hospital last week. And I scared them all. Even though even the Grim Reaper didn't want to get evil to die.



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Me in Arizona.



Chris Harrison 47:20

Alright, so let's get the MBB letters. And then like I said, Let's start then with our discussion of topics. Who's up first?



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So you want MBB letter? Yeah, yeah,



Chris Harrison 47:30

we got four letters, and two from two different Well,



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I guess I'll start with one that are from Hawking and dragonhawk dragonhawk. I'm sorry, this is me. But anyway, he he got upset with smiley for say, hi, girlfriend. And while I understand a lot of his reasons why he was upset about it. There's one rule of thumb, you got to figure out when you're around a bunch of Queens is which is you can be the straightest person in the known universe certified by all the powers that be and a queen is going to go. And it does not reflect anything on anybody's anything. It just means that everybody in the universe has a girlfriend. So, so it's it's just, you know, you can calm down about that it's a non, it's a non issue and I can you know, everybody has their sensitivities. And then there's plenty enough to worry about in the world. And that's not one of them. Okay,



Chris Harrison 48:40


and the easiest thing for Dragon to put it at ease is just consider the source. There you go. That's right, and then check your commissary and see if you can get a pound of salt because it's a little more than a grain. Yes.



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He's, he's sort of our snaps around the world. He's our pecs bad boy. And we get lots of feedback on it I'm always so anyway and then also he wrote a nice long letter about his ideas

feedback on it. I'm always so anyway, and then also, he wrote a nice long letter about his ideas about Wicca and how, you know, spirituality and how people got on the planet. And we're, yeah, it's, it's, it's it very interesting stuff. I'm interested

 Chris Harrison 49:20

to spend a little bit more time reading into it and going over some of the stuff and yeah, I gotta make sure Jimmy has the right song to play with that. Yeah.

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And and just, you know, it's just like, you know, there's a lot of theories, there's a lot of theories and, and my advice is always just kind of, everybody's got their own truth. And it's just when we try to insist on everybody having the same truth that things get funny. Oh, girl, don't

 Roy 49:48

you know, the stork brought us all out of the cabbage patch. That's

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right. That's right. They had a cartoon about that. And then we have Tigger has written in and And he'd been listening to this message from MIT world domination happy hour. And he has pledged, which a lot of people haven't here's a guy who's sitting in prison. And standpoint, he, you know, he's he's pledged and, you know, they shifted this poll show over to Friday night and took an hour away, which is, you know, and it's only been on Saturday night for, what, 18 years, 15 years and adapting, you know, we're adapting and flourishing. But the thing is, you know, as free as this show, this this radio station is if you don't make your quota, they gotta going to miss anybody listening to you. So send in Yeah, buddy call in 713526573.

 Chris Harrison 50:43

Also, I tremor, one of those letters had a comment about he was listening to one of the other shows here on KPFT. And they played some music that had the FCC word and Brian, and he wanted to know why they do and they don't know why the other shows do and why we don't. Right, right. It's Jimmy. What was the name of the show? I'm not sure. I don't remember what the big FCC word. If you all know that word. If you dropped the F bomb, you know, that's really a no, no, but the other smaller words. So you get the punani. Hi, Jimmy. Yes.

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I was just talking to Diane about. It's, since we're between midnight, and five, we do have leeway playing that kind of language or using that kind of language language. But I don't like to. Yeah, because I think it turns more people off than it turns on. Yeah. But

 Chris Harrison 51:48

you know, there are depending on the song, that there are some times that a word like that is needed. It's appropriate interface. We had one song that we played, I had to edit out the F the F bomb in it. And even though it was an appropriate use of the word it wasn't, it wasn't used as an adjective, which shortly after the bondo incident that was considered acceptable and then quickly reversed. But it was it's one of those things it's it's up to the show the station's official policy is that they six other Carlin words you can get away with from midnight to five, the FCC says 10 to six, we've played a little safer on KPFT. And each show has to take a little bit of responsibility, a little bit of care with what they want to play. Yeah. You dropped the F bomb too many times and, you know, find the station can get fines, they can get shut down. Yes, FCC

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can get it for obscene obscenity. Of course, they don't exactly explain what obscenity is. And

 Chris Harrison 53:01

only the vice president gets to use that word. Yes. To other reporters? That's right. So that's, that's why you don't hear that on there. Occasionally, you know, stuff slips through. Boy, sometimes it slipped through every once in a while. We put the wrong CD number if

 Roy 53:21

you want to hear some blue language. I'm serious. Try listening to the Nixon White House Tapes. Mr. Christianity and conservative him. Just

 Chris Harrison 53:31

listen to the Pat O'Brien tapes.

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Yeah, well, anyway, smart. Tigger also wrote a letter where he talks about going to the infirmary and dealing with the different psychologist and therapist in prison. And how frustrating that is been to you know, and I guess my feedback to that is just, you know, it's labels are weird when they're trying to, you know, they can sort of help you figure out stuff, but you know, you know, that one person will tell you, for sure, you're one thing and another person will tell you for sure, or something. So you just got to figure it out yourself, and screw the rest of them.

 Chris Harrison 54:14

And we do thank our MBBS for writing in and especially our NBv listener sponsor out



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there and Tigger, I wrote down your dress, I actually got the copy of the bone and I'm actually going to send it off. So it's almost a done deal.



Chris Harrison 54:27

And, you know, thank you, the far, you know, that's far what we're doing here with our fun drive. As you know, we've got MBBS that listen to the show and are trying to contribute whether it is with information or actually with a some sort of financial contribution and what the hell are you waiting for? It 713526573813 Jam KPFT Yeah, let me put it this way. We need \$200 To make our goal mean you \$200 him? How much longer we got 25 minutes so and found you know, somebody's



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drunk enough to be generous out there



Chris Harrison 55:11

what time is it? Hey, for an extra is not if they're not if they're not listening to us guess what people make the pledge of support. We'll bill you later. Hey,



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there's a friend of mine out there who just got a raise who might be listening he I bet you he's not a member. Hey, Chris, we



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take credit cards too,



Chris Harrison 55:28


don't we? Yeah, we take credit card. We take checks you know, right now we'll take your word. Postage stamps. You can pledge on line. Yeah, but anyway.




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And it is tax deductible We are a 501 C three


And it is tax deductible. We are a 501 c three.


 **Chris Harrison** 55:44
Write it off on your taxes. Why


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don't we give the website out@www.kpft.org If you want to pledge online as well. Yeah, just hit the Pay Pal button on the upper right hand corner. Absolutely.

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But specifies for after

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hours. That too. Alright,

 **Chris Harrison** 56:00
let's get into some of the news topics here. First off the transsexuals storm if you haven't heard earlier, past couple days in the Pacific hurricane Adrienne yo Adria no wrong Adrienne it's the male Adrian for the straight boy don't think Rocky think TJ hooker it's Adrian's a mad the hurricane in the Pacific have named Adrian is crossing over on Doris right now. And as soon as it crosses into the Atlantic and reforms into a hurricane again is going to be called our lien. So again, we'd like to train again there. We would like to welcome hurricane Adrienne slash Arlene into the wonderful KPFT after hours family as being one of the first transsexual storms ever Yeah.

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Wouldn't that be a transgendered since the transsexual trans race a straight

 **Chris Harrison** 56:59
I sometimes forget the definition very technical, isn't it? Let's just stick with trainee cane

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training Kate I like that



Chris Harrison 57:07

we'll stick with trainee Kane and then we'll we'll get Kristen to give us a ruling here in a couple of weeks. It's



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gonna wear more makeup but



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no, I just think it just makes you all what I can



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definitely make some people with tickets packing definitely blows



Chris Harrison 57:34

we went there. Okay, let's see here. I've got three other stories. We go local. Do we go to Boston? Or do we go to local local, local, local. We have to Uncle ABC 13 For once again showing that may is sweeps month and sex sells and you pompous prick. It's last week. Last week we talked about Cape rec television and their story about the trainee hustlers. Well, Kay TRH you know, the wonderful station KTRK I'm sorry, I was I was thinking other the right wing radio station KTRK out there decided. Let's talk to you about the Montrose. So, one of our lovely friends over there in the Montrose on Hyde and Crocker and I went looking for this sign today and I couldn't find it. I found found it.



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It's right. It's like diagonally across the street from my office. So I saw him



Chris Harrison 58:37

compared to the 611 Where's it from?



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Okay. Let's actually compare ourselves like say we're standing in a parking lot. Okay, go down Crocker towards the rip cord. Okay, as you get to Crocker in Hyde Park. It's on your left hand side. It's a it's a townhome,



Chris Harrison 58:55

rather Crocker was six elevens the street six elevens on No, no.



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I don't know what Stanford. Anyway, do you know what the sign says? Oh, yeah,



Chris Harrison 59:03

I've got it right here. The



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sign is great. I love the sign.



Chris Harrison 59:06

If you go to ABC 13. ABC Yeah, ABC Thirteen's website, or you can go to now I found out the story from of course. The greatest news gathering source in the world the daily rotten.com sign says Welcome to Houston's Red Light District, the only the nation's only legal drug dealing and prostitution area. Houston refuses to stop it. So it must be legal. Please wait here for the next available customer service representative. Now, here's the thing obviously,



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this guy hasn't traveled much because I mean, Houston is definitely not the only area with one of those streets are at intersections. But



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that intersection right there. Let me tell you something else. I mean, you wouldn't believe some of the hustlers and some of the the John's and



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it used to be Luvox, the other seven in the in the 70s it was love it. I mean They know it's been going on for a while



Chris Harrison 1:00:02

doesn't say whether or not this is male hustlers or the training hustlers. But all the little pictograms are females are females on here. So that's the train. Yes, they have been pushed up from what they used to be down on. Robindale Yeah. And they've been even before we used to make the comment that you know, if you've, if there's a guy selling something on Avondale, if he's in male clothing, he's selling drugs. If he's in female clothing, he's selling his body. And they have pushed up out of off of Avondale to Hyde Park and on to love it. In that portion, so this person thinks I'm not with the corner on there. Yeah. Hidin. Crocker there. Well, you



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know, one thing that I think about is the Montrose has always sort of welcomed everybody. And there's this little political formula that says that anarchy allows fascism, and then fascism tries to stamp out anarchy, functioning anarchy. So I think it's a little case of that. Well,



Roy 1:01:04

actually, I've been hearing using since 82. And every couple of years, they love to talk about the hospitals in Montrose. I mean, just like an ongoing, it's a it's a shtick. Like, like you said, it's a writing schedule. I think Chris had hit the nail. Exactly on the head. It's, it's amazing writing, but



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you don't think the guy is serious about his side? Oh, absolutely.



Roy 1:01:33

But that guy at that corner, has played with more than with more of those tricks.



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Well, I have to disagree because the guy at the corner straight. He has a wife. He has a wife. I still



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let anybody live here.



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It was this next door. Now Jimmy had a very good point and is one of the guy of this. I don't know. Jimmy had a good point when they move here from out of town and they don't know. The Realtors don't indulge that little bit of information to vote. Yeah. Until they move in and spend

that first night and realize who is walking around their front yard?



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Well, the guy the guy to me, it catches me kind of weird. I mean, if you if you go and look at the sign, not only are you looking at the sign, but you're also being videotaped, he has two cameras on the roof of his house pointing at different angles. So and he's all you got to do. I mean, if you go over there right now after the show, right? You'll look up as you look at the sign. And you'll see the little red lights blinking. He's got two cameras there and I believe the guy is a firefighter. Okay,



Chris Harrison 1:02:37

who have you spoken to with on this? Um,



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I was there when Deborah Wrigley did the story for channel 13. And when she brought ADA Edwards out as well. So and some lady with the Avondale Association, okay,



Chris Harrison 1:02:51

so now smiling has said he's he's talked with a neighbor of well,



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I office is right next door, Adam.



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Yeah, I talked to the neighbor of Adam. Adam is the one that's put the sign up in there. Actually,



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the Avondale association is backing the sign. The Avondale association is fixing to have mass quantities yeah, there's they're printed up as well as T shirts and these signs are not just going to be in this one guy's yard this is gonna go up and down the street and I don't think it's just going to be Hyde Park that it goes up I believe this Avondale Association obviously is the whole area so I'm assuming it's gonna go up and down the street.



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Roy 1:03:27

I want you to understand look at what happened to Association has been against gay pride parade. They have been against the gay community that's doing since day one. They have fought us tooth and nail and out on Avondale street itself out on Avondale street itself. The lighting out there is absolutely horrid. The lights are down. And

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Chris Harrison 1:03:55

we're talking we're talking. We're talking about Hyde Park and Crow which is which high parking Crocker this intersection is the one we're talking about is a four way stop. Intersection. I remember one is the of the for street corners on there. One of them it has a fence that comes out practically to the sidewalk. It's covered over with vines. There's another one that's a house that's usually constantly for rent. One sidewalk that is completely torn up an impassable lawn. And then there's a house with a garage on that that corner as well. This is one of the better lit corners in the Montrose area of what we have for intersections which we would call the traffic smiling city spoken with a neighbor. It's



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been a lot of good information on that sign itself. It's the fact that these people that have moved in here, they've only been living on Hyde Park for three months, four months, two months. These are What are straight conservative families with, you know, they're not used to the gay scene and what they're fed up with is all the open drug dealing. They did this on his own initiative. There was no Avondale support. There was no he just got fed, they've picked up on it. He got fed up with dealing with heaviness, carkey dealing with prostitutes being beaten by their pimp, and that goes back to the real estate thing. He took it on his own initiative to put a sign in the front yard. He's not even talking to the I talked to Deborah that day. Well, in fact, I



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agree with you because the Avondale associate he is a member of the Avondale Association. Yeah, but he was just super wiggly did this story and I'm also in the Yahoo chat group. I mean, the chat group with the Avondale so I get all the emails that's going back and forth through Avondale when I can, and I'm sure you're not on that list. I

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Chris Harrison 1:05:46

think what I think what it is, is he put this out on his own and of course Avondale Association saw this, and they're picking up on it, because I've been double meeting the night before the sign went up. So, so he's connected.



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I don't know how that's working. I don't know how that's working Michael but he did it on his own initiative because it pissed off his neighbors. What happened is Adams the one that put the

sign up but his neighbors the one that's been receiving threats. His



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neighbor is Jeff who owns Hollywood cafe and Joe it's Joel. No, no, I don't think so.



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I just did I did the interview at Hollywood last night. It's Joe he's been receiving threats letters.



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There's two houses on that block on that street right there next to the guy the guy that has the sign and a house next door the house next door, which is directly behind Jr's is owned by Jeff that owns Hollywood,



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okay. The house that the signs in used to be a warehouse, those cameras that you're talking about? Are not because of what's going on that it's a night it was so he's



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a wonderful guy and we should support him. Is that what you're saying?




Chris Harrison 1:06:42

Okay, with the simple fact is this, okay? Yes. And I think we can all agree that you know, Adam, Dirk Mott, you know, you moved into a neighbor's pushy jerk, and you may not have known what you were getting into. But you know, I'm sorry. What you need to do is you need to take it up with your real estate agent who sold you a house and concern the fact of even if you didn't know even if you didn't know about the prostitution, even if you didn't know about the drug dealing, all you had to do was look at your property. And considering the fact you take two steps out your front door, you look to your right, you will see two gay bars. Your look to your left you will see one gay bar. Yeah, and if you look straight, and if you look straight ahead, you're going to see a 50 foot flagpole with a 12 foot tall gay flag. If you are such a bush ight and conservative and you don't want to be around gays who are going to be openly gay. You don't get in there. I mean, my God this guy is gonna start complaining the fact that the Hollywood gave the gay pride flag as flying over Hollywood flaps too loud in the breeze and keeps him up at night and



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and I think one thing that we were saying is that love it used to be the pickup straight then it was the another one now it's Avondale. You know, if they light it all up and you know do their thing. I remiss place ALS and it's not the end it's an every major city and for how many hundreds of years.

 Chris Harrison 1:08:16

I remember a year and a half ago at a town hall meeting shortly after the Alan Turing's assault, one guy who was living at Hyde Park and Hopkins got up and complained saying that they should hold the bars T ABC license hostage if they didn't pay for better lighting and better sidewalks to drive the the prostitutes out of there. And that's the part of mentality we have for the people who have moved into this neighborhood because they saw nice houses for cheaper real estate prices. And then these people come in and after the gay we brought up the neighborhood and we can't let these Pete we can't do the stuff

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on Chris's note. It's not the fact that they don't they're not they're not downing all the homosexuality is is what they're frowning on is that it's too much in their face. It

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sounds like their sounds like their cover story.

 Roy 1:09:11

I've got more than 20 years experience here in the Montrose I am telling you that Avondale Association hates everything gay. Hold it the fact that I remember the time. I can remember a time we're all up and down lower Westheimer here and right across the street from KPFT we had a game club and all up and down Lord Westheimer we had gay clubs, gay restaurants, and this was gay, gay, gay apartment buildings. For more than 10 years, it looked like the aftermath of Beirut, Lebanon. That's right. And I'm telling you this Avondale association is the one that is responsible for everything. They hate everything

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for cleaning those streets up shiznit

 Chris Harrison 1:09:58

by now Well, no, the fact is what the Avondale Association does is, you know, they're the ones who are going to be calling out the HPD to go out and do the bar raids right before the Pride Parade. These are the ones who call in and start complaining about the fact of jaywalking, and have the cops come down and it's done rather than bigots because of drugs, and then to go

down and start ticketing people for \$200 a pop for jaywalking, rather than keeping an eye on, you know, that's fine. You know, we see, you know, we know the drug dealers are coming in, we watch them coming in from the wards, we see them going back and forth to the smiley



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unit. However, you don't remember the early 80s When the police felt very, very comfortable, intimidating gay people walking around the back.



Chris Harrison 1:10:42

Okay, the simple fact is this, this person here, yeah, you have every right in the world to move where you want. But the simple fact is this, he moved in three months ago, three years or whatever. The this area was established in that part. I'm sorry, he knew what he was getting into. And you know, there if you don't understand where you're moving into you, okay, you blame your real estate agent for putting you in there. Because I'll tell you something. If you're if you're going to be a conservative person and move into the Montrose and then started going, you know, I don't like the fact that you know, people are openly gay, you know, yeah, there's some guys out there selling their body or selling drugs, you moved into an area of 12 bars.



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flaunt his heterosexual years



Chris Harrison 1:11:28

12. I'm sorry. But if you've had you moved into this neighborhood, and you don't like the neighborhood, then guess what Get Get, get a better real estate agent and get the hell out of Montrose movie



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I mentioned about the Avondale calling the police officers, you wouldn't believe I've talked to three neighbors in there, all of them. Two of them are against the sign. One of them is for the sign. But each one spoke the fact that they've seen the officers watch them participate in some kind of legal activity, and not do anything about it and even participate in some kind of sexual deviant. They've said they've seen the officers have sex with some of the kids,



Chris Harrison 1:12:02

then you know what, and had that taken.



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That's been going on corruption, that's



Chris Harrison 1:12:09

fine that what these people need to do is rather than putting up a sign and pissing and moaning about that, then if they have such a disagreement with this, then you do like the people. There's some video vigilante they call him over in Colorado, you take your video camera, and if you catch the cop doing this, you get you get his plate number, you get his card number, you go out and you film it. There's ways you do that. You don't sit here and say that just because of this stuff. And yeah, I'll admit, you know, I know that there's I know for a fact, there's some cops out there that do that stuff. You know, I'll be honest, you know, I used to patrol I used to do Q Patrol, I used to pick up the hustlers I've talked about on the air here. I used to pick them up. And you know, I knew but the fact is this, the police have trouble making a case on these things. Because the kids unless they go to a certain thing on all that they can't bus. So that's why a couple years ago, the city council passed the new rule that you know, if you talk to someone who's unknown Hustler, you can be arrested for that. You just don't have to even have the proposition. It's just actually speaking to somebody who has a known prostitute or has been arrested before. It's a hard case to stick that's why most of the times with the hustlers you know, they end up getting a slap on the wrist not a slap on what what starts out as they get a either a loitering citation or a hitchhiking citation. And you know then when they don't go show up for court, then you know you humiliated enough of those you can get busted for that it accumulates more three Tony it's



Roy 1:13:37

also reminds me an awful lot of the people who move in over by intercontinental and by hobby and then complain about airplane about airplanes or people who move over by the MS over at the Mississippi Delta and complain when their their homes get plugged in



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and pledge if it makes it bad. Diversity Colin pledge



Chris Harrison 1:13:57

it makes about as much sense to me as a white supremacist moving into Harlem and complain there's too many black people around yeah,



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there you go.



Chris Harrison 1:14:05

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I'm I'm sorry.

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I actually that has been happening lately. I

 Chris Harrison 1:14:09

have no sympathy for someone who gets themselves into this situation. And then feels he has to piss and moan about it and cry and have them send out somebody on a news crew just so that you know this other station now has their get anti gay sweeps month from story so that they can show you look we're cracking down on this session last summer. I had to be careful because I'm gonna tell you this. I've been taking about four or five times during this thing to use the password No, you

 Roy 1:14:42


know, about a year or two ago, the same station to the Expos a about young teenage runaways, and the Montrose

 Chris Harrison 1:14:52

channel. elevens done it. You know, unfortunately, Sex sells and queers are still open targets, right? And that's the bull. Did you that we get out? I

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see I've seen them do expos days of tea rooms. I mean, how sleazy is that? I mean, it's like the Expos A is has if not more sleazy. They'd like the tea room activity.

 Roy 1:15:17

And if there's anybody who didn't know about these places, now that's news.

 Chris Harrison 1:15:22

websites to find this stuff out. But the fact I've already deleted because we're running out of time. Nationalists was up in Boston, there was some supposedly some risk a gay sex manuals that were handed out during a diversity day. I don't want we'll cover that another one. And another interesting topic we'll bring up next week is a couple of gay Israeli artists have done what are doing one of these performance pieces in New York. Kind of all on John and Yoko, setting up a double bed and they're inviting gay Arab men to become quote unquote, lovers.



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Oh, boy.



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I mentioned John and Yoko. I mean, John is smiling down on that, and Yoko is probably loving it. So, you



Chris Harrison 1:16:10

know, we just had a very spirited debate here, on after hours. And you know, that's part of what this shows about. The fact of we talked last week, we talked this week about television stations, using our community, to raise money to go out there. And you know, they're setting their rates based off of what they cover in the news, and how they can show our community this bad, how bad they can show the community. So you know, what we need is your support out there, to show that there's programs like this, who are willing to you know, shine a light, piss off, some people yell and scream and go, you know, we're not going to take this crap anymore. The time has come for us to be treated with simple, decent, human respect. And you know, what? We're not all the pretty fags you see on queers folk, we're not the well mannered ones you see on Will and Grace, there are some parts of our community that are a little darker, and a little scarier. And yeah, unfortunately, because some of these people who are addicted to drugs, who have been thrown out of their houses, because they came out, or whatever story it is, they realize the only way with their education and their mentality that they're going to get 40 bucks to get a place to stay, to get something to eat, is very simply sell their body



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sounds like a similar makeup to the straight world. And in terms of of the different sections of the community straight about



Chris Harrison 1:17:51

it. And the fact is this



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We topless bars,



Chris Harrison 1:17:57

we need your support, to let people know that we cannot put up with KPRC KTRK Kaicho you

and there's other radio stations down there who try and say they're preaching tolerance and Christianity dumping on us, just so they can earn a buck, we need you to show this station, this city. And this community that programming like this means a damn. It's 713-526-5738 Jam KPFT It's your last chance to put your truth if you don't agree with a damn thing. We said call us still because you know what Austin tell us. And the fact is that you have to at least respect the right that we've got the opportunity to say this, you're not going to hear someone get on on to channel 13 and say, Well, we've said about this opinion.



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See one of the things too about like this guy with the sign in whatever they haven't deal. And there are people who only feel comfortable when they're around people who are exactly like them. And then there are people who love diversity. Alright, we're wrapping up guys today.



Roy 1:19:08

I just want to say, Tigger, thank you from the bottom of my heart. Thank you for that donation of stamps that you made that really something everybody I could not be



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next week. Good night



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speaking of pissing people off in Avondale Association, secret meeting at Edwards office. 4pm Monday Chief of Police Oh, get there?



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Are you gonna be there? We've been listening to after hours Queer radio with attitude, a continuing tradition here on KPFT don't



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forget to check out our sister program Queer voices every Monday night 8pm to 10pm. We'd love to hear from you. Our listeners. We want your story ideas discussion topics, event announcements, love mail, hate mail, dirty pig. And there are two ways to get it to us.



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will be back next week and hopefully you will be able to join us on behalf of the crew of after hours. Good night and have a great week.



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