

BUDDY: The ones that we're making now and we'll continue to make out to places and display them like in public libraries and shopping malls, to call diversities.

MAN 1: Shopping malls. I think would be the first place to hit.

RAY: Yeah the real important thing is that this is not a gay community project, because AIDS certainly affects everybody. This is an opportunity for us to do the kind of teaching job that our government, friends have failed to do. And I guarantee you, I don't know did you go to Washington?

BUDDY: No I didn't.

RAY: I guarantee you cannot walk into that panel without having one of the all time memorable experiences of your life. It's just not possible, because then you get the scope of it. Those panels screen of the people they represent.

BUDDY: Yeah. In fact the guys from the names--

RAY: You read a sucker some politicians. They come on down and make it showing it'll be good for politicians, we just took our own down. Let them come on down for their mercenary political reasons. When they get there, they will be changed people.

BUDDY: Yeah they said we don't have to promise them anything, they don't have to support anything. All we have to do is get them to show up and once they see it, once they look at it.

RAY: You know, this whole project started Cliff, bless his heart, is kind of a loose cannon on the gay and lesbian rights deck. I mean, he I love Cliff dead but he does crazy things. And so he came to the March planning organization and started describing this project, and people didn't want the hell he was talking about, he looked like he was crazy. And he went out and got National Endowment for the Arts funding to get started. Was a while if he's got money, you know? Then sure all we have to do is just put him on a schedule.

BUDDY: This is all--

RAY: It would not have been the same march--

BUDDY: Two or three months before the march right?

RAY: Yeah.

BUDDY: Very, very short time.

RAY: It would not have been the same march without The Names Project. It just would not have worked as well as it did with The Name Project

MAN 1: I have another question.

BUDDY: Yeah.

MAN 1: How is it going to be possible for most Houstonians or column to be able to make the new panels for the Houston exhibition.

RAY: Well you can do that in the kitchen table right now. I mean if you know someone who is--

MAN 1: As long as it's three by six.

RAY: That's it. I mean it's real simple rules.

BUDDY: Needs to be a little bit larger than three by six.

RAY: Think of leaving enough material for him, OK?

MAN 1: Yeah.

RAY: If you don't want to ham it or you can ham it. You know Frankie, my mother if you want to check with me, Frankie would love to ham up some panel.

BUDDY: Also, when you make it you need to use things that are permanent markers not wall watercolor markers, not anything that is going to fade away. Stuff that that's painted on with good quality stuff, not stuff that's pressed on because this is going to be folded and folded and folded and thrown in a truck and travel and travel.

And we want something that's going to be a lasting Memorial because they're wonderful plans for this thing.

MAN 1: OK now where would we send it though if we did--

RAY: People just keep it and probably the local committee then will figure out what to do with these panels. And then, of course, after the display is here, we will give them these panels to be added to the quilt, and they'll care to be on the same truck that the rest of the quilt arrived on.

BUDDY: Right, they'll go on with the tour.

MAN 1: OK.

BUDDY: But just stay tuned after hours and wildenstein and break through here on KPFT, and then of course--

MAN 1: You'll don't keep us informed on what--

RAY: You're going to get it directly because you're a member of the AIDS coalition. And let me tell you there's something else that I want to advise the other listeners, and that is if you're not volunteering for some organization to be a buddy, or just to go visit people, or you don't have to volunteer for any organization at all if you want to stop by Jeff Davis Hospital during visiting hours and walk through the AIDS ring, and hold somebody's hand and help them write a letter, and give them some encouragement. If you're not doing that, you are missing a real positive opportunity for your life.

MAN 1: It's very positive, I've done that.

RAY: Yeah, I suspect you do.

MAN 1: You know, just friends who have been in the hospital and then seen everybody else who was there in the ward. And just gone bed to bed and--

RAY: It's very easy to do.

MAN 1: Give somebody a kiss, just on the cheek or on the forehead and hold somebody's hand knowing that they know that somebody is there for them.

RAY: Just a touch. For a person with AIDS, just a touch from a kindly stranger.

MAN 1: That's all it takes.

RAY: It's so important.

MAN 1: That's all it takes.

RAY: Listen, I'm glad you're listening and thank you very much for giving us a call.

MAN 1: What did you do, you're very. Welcome

BUDDY: Listen, stay tuned. And we'll let when everything's going to happen we'll be here on Mother's Day, and we'll let you know about volunteers and what they're going to need. And I told them when they left, I said you don't have to worry about Houston because the gay and lesbian community here will come out like the army, and we'll take care of you.

RAY: No problems here.

BUDDY: Have a good night.

MAN 1: Thank you.

BUDDY: Alan, you got something for us?

ALAN: Yeah one of our friends and one of those neighborhood hole in the wall places down there on Alabama, called--

BUDDY: But that's not cute. That's not cute and we've got something else for them.

ALAN: Some Fleetwood Mac

RAY: Yeah well we're going to Rhames and Fleetwood Mac, but right now we've got something else.

BUDDY: Yeah well this is KPFT Houston 90.1 FM right? Right

DOROTHY: Ma.

MA: Is it morning already?

DOROTHY: No I just wanted to ask you a question.

MA: What?

DOROTHY: How would you react if you were told that one of your kids was gay?

MA: Your brother Phil is gay? I knew it. When he was a kid, we couldn't keep him away from those gladiator movies.

DOROTHY: No, Phil is not gay.

MA: You mean you're gay? What, your friend gene is having some sort of membership drive?

DOROTHY: Mom.

MA: Dorothy, I know you don't get many dates, but stick with what you know.

[AUDIENCE LAUGHING]

At your age, it's very hard to break into something new. Good night.

DOROTHY: Mom I am not gay, I just wanted to get your reaction.

MA: I'll tell you the truth Dorothy. If one of my kids was gay, I wouldn't love him one bit less, I would wish him all the happiness in the world.

DOROTHY: It's because you're the greatest mother in the world, and I love you.

MA: Fine. Now keep your fat mouth shut so I can get some sleep.

[AUDIENCE LAUGHING]

DOROTHY: Gene thinks she's in love with Rose.

[AUDIENCE LAUGHING]

Ma, come on, it's not funny.

MA: Well it's not. Gene is in love with Little Miss Molly.

DOROTHY: Come on.

[AUDIENCE LAUGHING]

WOMAN: What is going on?

BOTH: Nothing.

WOMAN: Oh come on now, I heard you laughing, what's so funny?

MA: The start is Gene as is a lesbian.

[AUDIENCE LAUGHING]

WOMAN: What's funny about that?

MA: You aren't surprised?

WOMAN: Of course not. I mean I've never known any personally, but isn't Danny Thomas one?

[AUDIENCE LAUGHING]

DOROTHY: Not Lebanese grandma, lesbian.

WOMAN: Lesbian, lesbian, lesbian.

[AUDIENCE LAUGHING]

But isn't that where one WOMAN 1 in another--

DOROTHY: We already know what it means.

WOMAN: But Gene is a very attractive WOMAN 1, she could have any man she wants.

DOROTHY: She doesn't want them.

WOMAN: Why not? A man has so much more to offer, you know what I mean Dorothy?

DOROTHY: Yeah I found that out when Mark Perper was running for class president in the third grade.

WOMAN: Well what does that have to do with anything.

DOROTHY: Well his campaign slogan was vote for me and I'll show you my wee-wee.

[AUDIENCE LAUGHING]

He won by a landslide.

WOMAN: Well, I'll never understand what Gene doesn't see in the opposite sex. But hey, if that's what makes her happy, that's fine by me.

DOROTHY: There's one other thing.

MA: Gene thinks she's in love with Rose.

WOMAN: Rose? Gene has the hots for Rose? I don't believe it. I do not believe it.

DOROTHY: I was pretty surprised myself.

WOMAN: Well I'll bet, to think Gene would prefer Rose over me? That's ridiculous.

[AUDIENCE LAUGHING]

DOROTHY: [INAUDIBLE] please.

WOMAN: Now you tell me the truth. If you had to pick between me and Rose, who would you pick? What?

DOROTHY: Pull yourself together.

WOMAN: Oh, I'm sorry. Does Rose know?

DOROTHY: No.

WOMAN: Oh good, I don't think you ought to tell her. After all, she's not as worldly and sophisticated about these things as I am.

MA: Absolutely, if she finds out Danny Thomas is a lesbian, it'll break her heart.

[AUDIENCE LAUGHING]

VICKI: Hi this is Vicki Lindsay from Kindred Spirits, and you're listening to After Hours on KPFT.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

WOMAN: What do we want?

ALL: Gay rights.

WOMAN: When do we want it?

ALL: Now.

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[MUSIC - FLEETWOOD MAC, "GYPSY"]

ALAN: Yeah, I love Stevie. I want her wardrobe.

BUDDY: I want her.

ALAN: Well we had another request.

BUDDY: You can't want her because your baby's sitting out in the lobby.

TERRY: I know, but I can still want. OK I can look but not touch.

BUDDY: Don't say it on the air though, you just told--

ALAN: You'll get in trouble out there. No we had a, we had another request for the homecoming Queen's got a gun. Unfortunately--

RAY: I knew it.

ALAN: We don't have it. I can sing it a cappella if you like.

BUDDY: No, if anybody knows who's doing that, give us a call so we can find that record. Also, if you'd like a KPFT program guide, and an after hour's poster, which by the way you said, how does that look right?

RAY: That's great, I love the poster.

BUDDY: Also, a march on Washington button we'll slam all this in an envelope and stuff it in your mailbox.

ALAN: With a map to my house if you like.

BUDDY: The map is going to be extra.

ALAN: Yeah.

BUDDY: Also, if you're one of the 2100 people that pledged to our winter thorn, we raised over \$101,000, and it was wonderful, wonderful.

RAY: It was wonderful for an \$88,000 go.

BUDDY: Oh it was great. I was so happy to see all that money--

RAY: And it's as much over this time, as the last time was under.

BUDDY: Yeah, we made up for it.

ALAN: You know I'd have these pledges canonized, but I'm not on speaking terms with the pope at the moment, all right?

RAY: You should have said something Daniel Ortega was by just today, he could have just patched things up for us.

BUDDY: Also JC Jackson Thursday, and he wouldn't make any comments either. So don't feel bad. Down there tried to get him to make a statement. I said Jesse you were, I said Reverend Jackson you were in Washington on October the 11th so now we know how you feel about gay and lesbian folks. But would you make a statement about the AIDS issue and how you feel about that?

And he just kind of went about that, they were probably thinking, who's this kid in the blue jeans that rusty looking mic, and Oh it's the Pacific, I guess.

RAY: The last time I talked to all the presidential candidates, it was George Wallace, I'm serious, Richard Nixon and Hubert Humphrey. And that was my role that year in the gay and lesbian rights movement to talk to all of those monkeys--

BUDDY: And they're even stranger.

RAY: Yeah Hubert Humphrey.

BUDDY: We had a turtle one time that we called Humphrey, because he looked like Hubert Humphrey.

RAY: Yeah, well yeah, well Hubert looked kind of turtle-esque tortuga-esque

ALAN: You know I also heard a wild rumor that Karl Malden is searching desperately for Lance Later wants to punch his lights out. It's just a rumor, just a rumor.

RAY: Listen let's say you never watch that subject because Lance Later is the only credit reference I've ever had. That's all right, Julian Bunny is my only character reference. So I obviously need some new friends.

ALAN: Thank you.

RAY: Those of you who stay up late at night and get up early in the morning, Monday night, I just one of the fun things to Monday morning is one of the fun things that I do all of my life. And that is I pay my annual visit to Michael Harris over at KCOH on the Black AM talk show radio, at 14:30 on your dial, am dial that is.

BUDDY: What time is that?

RAY: I'll be there from about 8 to 10, we'll have a wonderful time.

ALAN: That's AM?

RAY: Yeah, AM.

BUDDY: 8:00 AM in the morning--

ALAN: I don't even breathe before noon, give me a break.

BUDDY: I have to set our recorders. Terry you can tape it for us, because I know you're up that hour.

TERRY: Oh sure, OK. No problem.

BUDDY: There's so much going on this year Ray.

RAY: Yeah it's a big year.

BUDDY: The conference is coming up. Can you tell us a little bit about that? Excuse me the Congress. The conference is already here.

RAY: The National Lesbian and Gay Rights Congress. I've been working on that project for 10 years you know? I originally conceptualized National Lesbian Gay Rights Congress early in 1978. And this strange, weird person from San Francisco by the name of Harvey Milk said, what we really need to do is March on Washington, and I said I don't know, we really don't need to do that. What we really need to do, is to get together as a body of people and set our priorities.

And so Harvey and I had this great, wonderful debate in Dallas, Texas, he won the debate. Harvey was a very persuasive, very wonderful person, and he was right. We couldn't do congresses until after we had done marches. And the deal with Harvey was that after the 1979 March on Washington, we were going to keep the organization together and do the Congress, but then Harvey got assassinated on the way. there was immediate--

BUDDY: That was a year before that though, in '78.

RAY: He got assassinated in November.

ALAN: And you know I heard an interview that Greg Gordon or someone at KPFT did, and Harvey was talking about a organizational meeting they were going to have to fight the Briggs initiative back several years ago. And Harvey said one time in Germany they had 8,000 gay men and women in one room, and they were the gay movement in Germany and so on and so forth. And Harvey said we'll never get that many people. I only wish that Harvey could have stood on that platform on October the 11th.

RAY: Well Harvey knew we were going to get that many people for the march, but it's not quite the same thing Hershel Maxfield did the 8,000 people meeting in New York and he was a few months later dragged out of his apartment, beaten by mostly gay Brown shirts and his books were burned sometimes. It kind of ironic how we do it to ourselves.

But the Congress is the idea of getting a gay male, and a lesbian representative from every US congressional district in the country, not delegations can be as large as they want, so we'll probably have about 16 to 17,000 people in town 1,000 of those people will sit on the floor and debate issues and take votes on things. And the object is to come up with like a one two three priority list. This is important, this is important, this is important.

Also, make an assessment of what resources we have to apply to our-- It's a decision-making body. It's going to take us out of the era where a gay activist or a lesbian activist raises their finger and points and says let's all go there.

BUDDY: Let's go, right.

RAY: This makes it a lot safer, I mean we know what happened to us. Really when they killed Harvey Milk, they put us 10 years behind on their movement.

BUDDY: And we are Harvey Milk specials a couple of weeks ago and it was real sad because we were sitting here listening to the tapes and you could have changed Los Angeles and Houston and a lot of things we've kind of stopped, because maybe we were afraid, or maybe we haven't taken that extra step.

RAY: Yeah right. We have remained a colloquial movement since Harvey tried to call us together as nationally. Strangely enough, the Congress will occur during the week that includes the 10th anniversary of Harvey's death.

BUDDY: And that's something we've been talking about on after hours for quite a while. We would like to see a Memorial service in front of the city reflection pond, I'm going to work with every organization I can here in town to see that happen.

RAY: When Harvey was assassinated, we threw together a Memorial service that was kind of spontaneously came together in like five or six hours. As a matter of fact, we were at our City Hall at about the same time San Francisco was the third City Hall, which means that it was later in the day, because--

ALAN: Can I put you on the spot?

RAY: Sure.

ALAN: What do you think is the most important obstacle not obstacle, what's the most important issue facing us as a people right now?

RAY: Always it is our inability to overcome our own home phobia.

ALAN: Thank you.

RAY: Always, that's the number one issue. That is the issue that will affect AIDs, that is an issue that will affect the amount of hands we have to do what we need to be done. It is an issue that affects the political empowerment that we could have tomorrow.

BUDDY: Kaboom.

ALAN: Yeah I think we would do so much better if we could just alert people to the fact that there is reason to have pride--

RAY: And there's no reason to feel guilty.

BUDDY: You know and we've said that, we'll continue to say it. We're gay people, we're lesbian people, we're proud of who we are--

ALAN: How many times do we have to list all the things we've got to be proud of?

BUDDY: Right and you know I for one, if anyone loves sex any more than I do please give me a call here right now.

RAY: Like your--

ALAN: Ring, ring, ring, ring.

BUDDY: I think that sex is great, and I don't think it's nasty. I don't think it's dirty, I don't think that all the stuff they've told me all these years is garbage, and I'm tired of people lying to our--

RAY: Actually the new rules are kind of fun. It has changed, sex has changed. Because I get to talk to convicts before they get out of the joint, gay and straight ones. And I said you won't believe what they've changed this time you've been here and you know, most of those folks have been involved. I said they change nookie, it ain't the same. You got to dress up like the Michelin Man, they got to cover up the stack of used diamonds at the service station because those are now considered erotic symbols.

BUDDY: You know, I'm tired of those people lying to us and feeding us that garbage. And I'm also tired of people like the governor and where is he Mecum, Governor Mecum. He came out on TV the other day, and he said his problems were all because of radical rights and homosexuals. I am damn tired of these people blaming all their problems on me. I don't care how stupid he wants to be, and if he wished those people in Arizona are crazy enough to elect him, well--

RAY: Let me give you the well-adjusted heterosexual male. The person who knows what his gender is and what his sexual preference is and is secure with that and that is fine doesn't have time to worry about what you and I do in our bedroom.

BUDDY: Exactly.

RAY: People that have the problems with it, and I think it's so ironic because so many of these people are effete fundamentalist ministers. If you ever watch the way Ed Yong dances behind--

BUDDY: Sunday morning.

RAY: It's really quite good. Ed Yong should have taken up ballet, and on the day, the Sunday before the referendum, I was watching him on television because I knew he was going to lie. I knew he was going to lie, I knew that he couldn't restrain himself for lying, and of course he told the big lie. What's on the ballot is special privileges for gay people under the affirmative action. What was on the ballot in fact, was the exact opposite of that. An exemption from affirmative action.

But he told the lie, but that's all right John Bolzano had shown the lie, and if those people are in their heart of hearts absolutely comfortably straight Christians, than I am a Nazi gay-bashing extremist. Because those folks are seriously dealing with their own identity.

ALAN: Yeah, I have a theory on that, that it's much better to pray for God's assistance and guidance in our lives than to condemn other people to hell on our own authority.

BUDDY: Right, when Reverend Jerry and Harvey was here at MCCR a couple of moments ago, she said that we as a community, we're finally beginning to teach the other folks how to love and care for each other.

ALAN: Right.

BUDDY: Because let me tell you something kids, when those little boys homes were bombed in Florida, do you think Reagan sent them \$1,000? I just saw he was sending \$1,000 and I love little Jessica that fell in the well to death. But little Jessica happened tripping that well the same day that the \$750,000 gay men and women in Washington, and Jessica got all the press coverage and we didn't get zippo.

Now I love little Jessica, but Jessica if you're listening baby and you find out that you're a lesbian, please don't tell nobody because Ronnie will want his money back, and they want nothing to do with you. But listen, we're good people and we know that. We don't have to tell you that, you know you're a good person.

There they're places that care about you. The Mantras Counseling Center, The Gay And Lesbian Switchboard 529-3211 you can find out what's going on in the city. Don't just sit there and let it go by you, be a part of it. I didn't really take an interest in what was going on because I didn't think I could do anything. And if it's just giving somebody a ride, or folding an envelope, there's a lot that can be done.

ALAN: Or just listening sometimes can be a great help.

RAY: I've been in this business now since 1966, what's that 22 years. With time off for good behavior, or bad behavior when I went to prison. And I have spent most of that time trying to drag people out of their guilt. After guilt.

BUDDY: You have to overcome the guilt.

RAY: Yeah and it's not just gay people, all those ex-convicts that I talk on my prison show, which is Sunday afternoon, tomorrow afternoon incidentally three to five on KPFT. What I'm trying to do is tell those people that they're not the slam they're stepfathers told them they were.

BUDDY: Exactly

RAY: They don't deserve to be slaves that the warden is trying to make them, they don't believe me either. If you just, remember we were talking earlier about Mike Mason that moment when you realize that he was really a powerful person, if each of you would have that moment, we would be through. I could retire and do something respectful besides going around being a rabble rouser for gay and lesbian right.

BUDDY: And it's not easy.

RAY: I could write, I would love to do all of that. There would be no work to be done in just a few years if each of you would experience that moment when you realized that you can change the world individually by yourself, no additives don't need chemicals, don't need any special training, just you're a powerful and a wonderful person. If you'll unload that guilt, you'll feel light. You got some difference.

ALAN: Amen

BUDDY: And there's not going to be any stopping us. Once our people realize that and come forward, they won't be able to stop us.

RAY: We've come pretty close before. We were talking earlier about Magnus Hirschfeld in Germany, I mean 8,000 people at a meeting and what he said at that meeting is almost classic, is his he was worried about the nationalist socialist party, the Nazis which were kind of the Republicans of that era.

And the socialist party which were kind of the Democrats. And he said, our future is with the socialist party. Our enemy is the National Socialist party, we must help the socialist party achieve victory. And within a week, the Nazis had dragged him out of his house, was beating and burning him in the socialist wing.

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And he said our future is with The Socialist Party, our enemy is The National Socialist Party we must help The Socialist Party achieve victory. And within a week, the Nazis had dragged him out of his house, was beating and burning him and the socialists were ignoring that.

And most of the people that were actually dragged them, were the Brown shirts. Their chief organizer Rome was himself later executed because he was gay.

ALAN: That's right.

RAY: And most of those young men that did it were the young-- it would be like the people that are leaving, that left the mine an hour and a half ago coming here and dragging me out and beating me to death in front of the radio station.

ALAN: All right.

RAY: That's exactly what it was. We do it to ourselves because of the guilt that they have laid on us, and we can reject that. You can put a Teflon coating, it don't stick. You don't need to put up with that. We can't make that same mistake again.

BUDDY: That's right, and if you can't do it for those 600,000 plus that were killed by the Nazis, if you can't do it for the hundreds of thousands that have been beaten by the police and by rednecks, if you can't do it for the ones that we've taken to the cemeteries and left there because of AIDS and the government completely ignores us, if you can't do it for anything else, do it for yourself. If you, just put a stop--

RAY: The best reason anyway, yourself.

BUDDY: let's stop it now.

RAY: The signs of the Brown shirts, Terry Dolan put together Nick pack which was the Conservative Political group that has done us the most political damage. Died of AIDS because he was gay. Some of our best genius is actually used against it. You know, there's these folks coming home, a regular job as a banker, you've been telling queer jokes around the office, I'm not saying this to make you feel guilty, I'm saying just to free you from that. Listen, the queer that you joke about is you. Harvey Milk was not the queer that Dan White was trying to kill. Dan White had to later kill another one when he committed suicide, because he killed the wrong queer first.

BUDDY: I sit down at the police department dispatch police cars every day and I would listen to those people talk about those queers and not say anything. And once I became involved here, I don't care who knows anything about me, I know I'm a good person. And I'll be damned if I'm going to sit around and let them make cracks about me. I don't do it about them, I respect everyone else. I'm a good guy, and I'm not going to take it anymore.

ALAN: Harvey Milk literally begged all of us to come out of the closet. And it's like people always told you when you were a kid, when you grow up you'll understand, you'll know better. And it's like he was telling us come out of the closet. Once you're out, you will find out what it's like.

RAY: Amen

ALAN: If we all came out of the closet at the same time, we would literally shake the world.

BUDDY: We'd shake the world

RAY: Everyone would turn pink--

BUDDY: And a lot of people--

RAY: And purple on the same day, it would all be over with. And the fact of the matter it is I mean you couldn't, people would have to cover up their faces in the choir of first Baptist church in the morning.

ALAN: Thank you, people, the ushers that pass the collection plate and the members of the board of deacons would have to stay off work tomorrow, because they couldn't go in with their bright purple faces.

BUDDY: Yes and many husbands and wives--

RAY: There would be many empty pulpits in Houston because the preachers couldn't make it to work. Well, the Sunday school teachers couldn't go because of those bright purple faces they're all the scout leaders and heaven knows the gym teachers.

BUDDY: Someone told me that they would get they would get fired. And I said, well they can't fire 20 million people, I guess they could.

RAY: But we have our own economy then.

BUDDY: We'll really put a damper in the economy. But something I want to read to you and Harvey said this. The way you want to read this, Harvey that was one of the greatest statements I think he made before he was assassinated. This was right after the defeat of the Briggs Initiative.

RAY: This was yeah, this is winner.

BUDDY: This is in the opening of our show, and--

RAY: And that was a battle to be fought. They sent a crew here to Houston to raise money and when it was all over, they actually began the campaign in California knowing that they were going to lose and lose big time. They got 2/3 of the votes through California. 2/3 of the little old ladies, 2/3 of the people that work in garages, 2/3 that drive the bus and ride the bus, 2/3 of the Blacks, 2/3 of the Asians, 2/3 of the California crazies, they won the whole state and they didn't even believe that they were going to ride up to the last minute. They thought it was even going to be close, but they weren't going to win. It wasn't even close and they won with a landslide.

BUDDY: And then when it was all over--

RAY: When it was all over Harvey Milk--

BUDDY: And said.

RAY: Had to explain to his sheep, his flock, the people that he loved what they had just gone through. And he says, we must destroy the myths once and for all, 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 must tell the people you work with, you must tell the people in the stores you shop in, and once they realize that we are indeed their children, that 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.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

TOM: Hi this is Tom from AJ's where we're celebrating life in the heart of Montrose, and you're listening to after hours on KPFT Houston 90.1 FM.

BUDDY: Do you are you have to push these things up or sure it won't work.

ALAN: Buddy I got a quick announcement.

RAY: I couldn't do radio at this hour of the morning. I don't know how you do it.

BUDDY: I've been up for several hours, what do you got Alan?

ALAN: MCCR has, the choir director resigned a few weeks ago, and we are in the market for a new choir director. So anyone interested, please call the church office.

RAY: Yeah, I was there the Sunday after the choir director had resigned, and things were a little bit uncertain. And the confusing, and music is so much a part of worship.

ALAN: Thank you, yes. And we're all still in mourning about it, but we're moving right ahead, but we need a permanent choir director, so apply.

BUDDY: What's the number at the church, do you know right offhand?

ALAN: I'm sorry I don't have it off the top of my head.

BUDDY: If you give us a call here at the station, we'll get it for you, 526-4000. Also, stay tuned because coming up at 4, stepchild to 13 Michael Davis is going to have some wonderful music for you, want to stay tuned for that. Also next week on this program, we're going to have a special 30 minute documentary that KPFTs Dan and Getfree have put together called *Montrose the other side*, and we're going to run that--

RAY: Is that Dan's piece on homeless?

BUDDY: Yeah, it's Dan's piece on a young man that has spent the last 10 years living in the streets of Montrose. And I don't really know if he's gay, or it's the young man who's gay or not, that he interviewed, I really to ask.

RAY: It gets kind of clouded.

BUDDY: Oh it's really an interesting story.

RAY: And let me tell you, Dan who is a regular here at the radio station, we see him around. He totes things, and carries things, and produces things and makes unusual efforts to bring you live music from weird places on KPFT, wonderful kind of Pacific a person, who has the know how to make things work, and always-- And when he does a piece, he puts his all into it. So I would suggest that you listen up to that.

BUDDY: Matt, what's this music we're listening to in the background?

MATT: OK this is by a friend of mine named Mike Oliver. He's straight but he's pro-gay rights, and this song is titled 100 days. It's done on home equipment, so the quality's not too good but I think the material is good.

ALLAN: Sounds good so far.

RAY: Just didn't know about this.

ALAN: And it sounds good.

RAY: If you tuned in to the avant Garde music here at KPFT.

BUDDY: He needs to be very specific.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

And the dynamite's done.

ALAN: It's great stuff.

RAY: I mean he may not be gay he's definitely romantic, right? I've got this like pegged for sure.

ALL: (LAUGHING)

TERRY: OK right.

MATT: OK I'm going to Mardi Gras, and we need music to listen to on the way.

BUDDY: If you let us, we'll play some of this next week, especially without talking over it. But next week, we've got this program called mantras the other side, it's a 30 minute look at this guy's 10 years in the streets of Montrose which is kind of interesting. February the 14th, Valentine's Day, you guys are going to bring your arrows, diapers and all those Cupid outfits. We're going to have a special for you. It says here, designed to help cupid's arrow hit the bull's eye, I don't know what the bullseye--

ALAN: I prefer to just tie them up and drag them in the bushes.

BUDDY: Go find--

ALAN: Don't laugh at work.

BUDDY: February the 21st, Reverend John Gill from the Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection will be here, and I think the Pope, I mean, Troy Perry maybe calling in live, that's what he said anyway, we'll find out about that. Then on the 28th, the Montrose singers are going to be here, that's going to be a lot of fun. Now if you have an idea for a program, or you want to pay your pledge or you want to come down and host a show with us, just give us a call at KPFT 526-4000, or you can call the after hours hot-line which is really a phone with an answering machine on it, it's 529-4636, or you can write us at KPFT 419, Lovett Boulevard in Houston, Texas 77006.

RAY: Of course.

BUDDY: As Joe says, one of the few zip codes where they can deny you health insurance just by looking at the zip code.

ALAN: The radio station cannot get health insurance.

BUDDY: That's right.

ALAN: So if the radio station gets sick, we're in trouble. We saw what happened.

BUDDY: We did? We did.

ALAN: But we had to put out the fire.

BUDDY: Anyway, there's so much going on this weekend that Robert Lloyd with the gay fathers were chasing me down yesterday. They've got a--

ALAN: They chased a lot of people though, don't feel privileged.

BUDDY: They have a whole room--

RAY: Some serious daddies over there.

BUDDY: Oh baby, you haven't seen the daddy till you've seen this group. That should have got them we could have had a whole room full of daddies in here.

TERRY: I want to hear Alan's story sometime.

ALAN: Later dear, this is radio.

BUDDY: We can get in trouble for saying that on the radio. Also the conference is still going on at U of H. You can register I guess tomorrow at 1 o'clock?

RAY: Yeah we'll see you tomorrow, they have their open plenary session that's where they deal with ideas and notions up until now it has been workshops and kind of things. I attended a great workshop, I mean let me tell you why. This Parker WOMAN 1 gives good workshop, I want you to know for sure she gives great workshop.

And I attended her workshop of Lesbianism and The Gay Rights Movement, and we got some serious understanding down some wonderful time. Some real wonderful people out there, even if you don't want to register, just come out and glad handing me people.

MATT Yes, I was glad to see you.

ALAN: Got a newsflash from a member of the establishment at the gay and lesbian switchboard, that they were going to be having training sessions next weekend.

RAY: That's true

ALAN: And that they would like to have some people come and be in on that.

RAY: They need some serious insomniacs over there, I mean you folks that are not up because you've been to the barge. You just up because this is the time of the day you're up.

BUDDY: I couldn't do that, because I'd be the one that say come on now let's go get coffee and we'll cry together but you can't do that. You have to be real serious.

RAY: But you do have to remain alert and answer the telephone. And so if you're a serious-minded insomniac, give the switchboard a call. Important number to remember.

BUDDY: 529-3211. The conference at U of H tomorrow beginning at 1 o'clock in the University Center, which is real easy to find. Also the quilt coming in May after hours is going to be during-- We're going to have a live ready, I don't know if you've heard about this, you weren't at the parade meeting last week, we'll chastise you about that later. Last week, it was a couple of weeks ago, you were tied up somewhere I can't remember.

RAY: Yeah well he was a nice man but he tied me up.

BUDDY: Anyway, we were putting together some of the events and after hours, in conjunction with KPFT of course and hopefully heaven. We're going to have a live after hours dance at the club. Charles is talking about flying in some big DJ from New York to spin records for you, and it'll all be right here on the radio. And of course, the parade and Jack, I've talked to Jack from Walden Stein. Jack Berlinski will be bringing you the parade live.

RAY: We're going to feel it's so good to have you this coming Gay Lesbian Pride Week, and excuse me, it's Lesbian Gay Pride Week they should be alternated. We're going to feel so good after Lesbian Gay Pride Week this year, that we're going to take our radios that can be room for us in heaven, we're going to play Horatio's, listen to Wallenstein and dance in the streets all over town.

BUDDY: It's going to be great. And we're going to get with Garland gather the news director here and put together a lot of special open journals that week, and have a lot of information for you. So you can always stay tuned to KPFT to find out what's happening. Anything else we should talk about before we--

ALAN: I still want to be a Dyke when I grow up

TERRY: I think we should let him be a Dyke.

ALAN: Damn right, yeah.

TERRY: Let him be a Dyke if he wants--

RAY: Give him his little card and that'll get him in Romeos on the Saturday Night, with a bucket discount on the cover charge and make him happy for the rest of his life, I mean what else could be easier?

TERRY: Are you happy now Alan?

ALAN: I'm very happy.

TERRY: OK.

ALAN: You smoke cigars?

BUDDY: We've still got those-- We still got those after hours program guides from KPFT that'll tell you all the wonderful things happening here on Pacifica, and that button from the March on Washington along with the picture poster that we'll stuff in there for you. Give us a call, 526-4000 we're going to be here for a few minutes more. Michael Davis, stepchild 213, getting ready to come in and there's a lot of wonderful things like smokestack lightning and Black 40 Bluegrass with the music lady. I think today's heard--

RAY: Listen, if they talk about it, I was listening to this original music. We've got a whole program for that, called right Scott Summers avant Garde music on Thursday nights late

BUDDY: And it's wonderful.

RAY: It's absolutely wonderful. You like a little Vietnamese? Let me tell you we got some great Vietnamese for you. Yeah, like a little Indian music? Right.

BUDDY: At least a lot will be here at 11:00. Our shares. Mazel Tov. And then something called the prison program.

RAY: We've got a program for convicts. Are you ready for that? I mean jails, cops, courts and prisons. I mean that's sick ain't it? three to five, can't miss it.

ALAN: I enjoy it.

BUDDY: Something called the Prison Program.

[LAUGHING]

RAY: And we also got fun. KPFT is the only radio station that got righteous fun.

BUDDY: That's right, and you know you can be a volunteer here, just by walking in the door and saying--

ALAN: We'll put you to work.

BUDDY: Come on down.

ALAN: Yeah, we'll put you to work no problem.

RAY: May take you a week before you get your own program, but we've got a turnover here, there's a good possibility, right?

ALAN: Hey, we did it. Don't laugh.

TERRY: And if we can do it, anybody can do it.

BUDDY: If you want if you want to give Mary Helen a call, or Mary Helen.

RAY: Mer Helen.

BUDDY: We call her Mers for short. She's a six gun pack and mama--

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

RAY: She is a serious woman, right?

BUDDY: We're always kidding her. Mary Helen is real good to us all, she takes care of all the volunteers and keeps us all out of trouble and just the people you meet is incredible.

RAY: We got the Jewish program and the Arab program one on either side of my show, right?

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

RAY: Kind of. As though you would think that the prison show was a demilitarized zone. No, it's all love here, you know? No problem.

BUDDY: It's wonderful. You know what we figured out the other day? If you say KPFT as though it were a word, it's the synonym for the last sound a pubic hair makes before it hits the floor.

ALL: [LAUGHING]

You guys are going to get us in trouble.

ALAN: I hope I can say that on the radio.

TERRY: If not aware, you've already done it.

BUDDY: Oh anyway, see what Buddy has to put up with?

RAY: I want to thank you Buddy for having me on the show. And I want to tell your audience I love you.

BUDDY: Will you come back and see us sometime?

RAY: Oh, absolutely not very often.

ALAN: Well, I'm glad you got to see me anyway.

RAY: I had a wonderful time.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

BUDDY: Well, that only means one thing, it's time for us to pack up and go home.

ALAN: Make like a baby, might head out.

BUDDY: Next week, Montrose, the other side. That'll be fun. And lots of music, lots of new music, lots of old music. Write us up at 5, call us up.

ALAN: Call us up.

BUDDY: At the After Hours Hot-line 529-4636, or drop us a line here at KPFT 419 love it.

ALAN: L O V E

TERRY: We'd love to hear from you.

BUDDY: Houston 77006. And next week, we've got a lot of good music, including some of that stuff we heard tonight from,

MATT: Michael Oliver.

BUDDY: Yeah that was good stuff.

ALAN: Yeah.

BUDDY: We just got a little carried away with talking to Mr. Hill, it kind of happens once in a while.

ALAN: Yeah.

BUDDY: Anyway, stay with us, and thanks for being there. We know that together we will make a difference. And 1988 is going to be one of the greatest years that the lesbian and gay community of Houston has ever seen, because we're going to be out by the hundreds of thousands--

ALAN: And still lesbians and gays that are going to make it the best year.

BUDDY: That's right Alan.

TERRY: Yes, we are.

ALAN: Activate and live.

BUDDY: That's right. And someone said, I can't remember what the quote was but we just said it last week. It's better, I would rather be loved. I would rather be hated for what I am, than loved for what I'm not. Keep the faith and, we'll see you next week. Bye-bye.

ALAN: Bye-bye.

RAY: Bye.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

MAN 2: KPFT Houston.

[CROWD APPLAUSE]

MAN 3: That is why I challenge you now to stand together raise your fist together.