

**HARVEY MILK:** We must destroy the myths once and for all-- shatter of them. We must continue to speak out. And most importantly, most importantly, every gay person must come out.

**SPEAKER 1:** That's right.

[APPLAUSE]

Absolutely.

**HARVEY MILK:** 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 go the people you work with. You must tell the people in the stores you shop in you

[APPLAUSE]

Once they realize that we are indeed their children, and we are indeed everywhere, every myth, every lie, every innuendo will be destroyed once and for all. And once you do, you will feel so much better.

**SPEAKER 1:** That's so true. But you're not going to see it in the *Houston Post*, because they're not going to print our letter telling you how wonderful it is to be gay. You're not going to see it on CBS and NBC and ABC, because they're not going to do it.

**SPEAKER 2:** Are you trying to say we don't have all of our freedoms?

**SPEAKER 1:** No, baby, I'm sorry. But there are some of us that have decided that-- you remember back when the Communist threat was big? I was just a kid then, in the '60s-- I'd rather be dead than red. Well, I'd rather be dead than in the closet I'm serious.

**SPEAKER 2:** That's right.

**SPEAKER 1:** If I had to go back in the closet tonight--

**SPEAKER 2:** Honey, they don't make a closet that big.

**SPEAKER 1:** They don't make a closet that big.

**SPEAKER 2:** [LAUGHS]

**SPEAKER 1:** There is no way there I am ever going to go back in the closet ever again.

**SPEAKER 2:** Do you know about that speech by Harvey should be the "Gay Pledge of Allegiance"?

**SPEAKER 1:** It should be something, because Harvey Milk literally gave his life. And we're going to be doing a lot of things. We're getting off Nelson Mandela. But Harvey's is kind of the same thing. We're going to be doing a candlelight vigil on November the 27th down at City Hall, in front of the park--

**SPEAKER 2:** Reflecting Pool?

**SPEAKER 1:** Reflecting Pool, yeah. The show *After Hours*, and the city-- I don't know, we're going to work all that out. We're doing it because this is a community program. And we're going to do it because we want the community to be involved.

If the community is not involved, sometimes things have a way of getting screwed up. So if you're out there and you want to be involved in this, we're not going to say, no, you can't sing at our rally. Yes, you can sing, if you want to be involved.

Call us up. The rally is going to be at the City Hall Reflection Pool on November 27 at dusk. And that's all I can tell you right now, because we've got Heartsong going to be involved. MCC Choir wants to be involved. It's going to be wonderful.

Now the weekend before that, the 18th and the 19th, we're going to be running *The Life and Times of Harvey Milk* at a local theater-- and hopefully a couple of free showings for you, to get involved with that. 526-4000 is the number to call, if you want to tell us about life, or the good news or the bad news. Are you still there?

**SPEAKER 3:** Yeah. I'm still here.

**SPEAKER 1:** What's cooking, guy?

**SPEAKER 3:** Oh, not too much. One thing I wanted to get out of the way is I have a cousin that worked with you at the HPD. And he was a dispatcher. But I felt I shouldn't go to his wedding, because I'm kind of an outcast punk rocker-type of guy.

**SPEAKER 1:** Yeah. That's my good friend, that was married last night. And you know, honest to God, forgot about the wedding. I really did. I feel bad, because I got an invitation, and he was really a good friend. I used to work evening shift, and he's on evening shift.

**SPEAKER 3:** Well, the only thing was-- because I went to one wedding and my sister and getting divorced twice after that. So I figured no more weddings for me.

[LAUGHTER]

**SPEAKER 1:** Well, you were saying, you don't have to be gay to be an outcast. That's true.

**SPEAKER 3:** I mean, myself, I'm straight, but I love the gay community. And I believe in individual rights and people that stand up for what they believe in.

**SPEAKER 1:** Did you go to the Rainbow?

**SPEAKER 3:** Yes, I did, and that's what I was wanting to talk about, because there's something that totally struck me out of my gourd there.

**SPEAKER 1:** Yeah, what happened?

**SPEAKER 3:** Well, when I went there, man, there was, like, a few different camps, you know? And like me and my partner were like walking through paths and going through different camps. And we passed through the gay fairy camp. And it was like my partner going, well--

**SPEAKER 1:** Did you see [INAUDIBLE]?

**SPEAKER 3:** --maybe they're not our type of people. So we just kept going on. I'm an open-minded person. I have respect for people and stuff like that. I'm going, well, who knows? Turns out the end of the day, man, I don't know if I can get away with this, but ganja was there.

**SPEAKER 1:** Be careful. Be careful. So the fairy camp was the place to be at the [INAUDIBLE]?

**SPEAKER 3:** I mean, they were the utmost friendliest camp out of the whole place.

**SPEAKER 1:** Well, listen, I appreciate you calling. And when you talk to Jeff, tell him I'm sorry I missed the wedding.

**SPEAKER 3:** Oh, OK.

Am I still here?

**SPEAKER 1:** Yeah, for a minute.

**SPEAKER 3:** OK, I'll tell you what. I've never went to a festival, or a feast-- I mean, I'm not talking about everybody. But the Rainbow Festival is much peace and love, or peace of mind that I ever went through.

And I went there. I hadn't drank nothing. I didn't even want a drink.

**SPEAKER 1:** Was there a lot of naked people running around? Is that true?

**SPEAKER 3:** And I left there feeling so great-- just feeling so peaceful that I want to carry it with me. And I want to go back. I'm going to be in the Rainbow Family. I love it.

**SPEAKER 1:** Hey, were there are a lot of naked people running around, or is that just a myth?

**SPEAKER 3:** A myth?

**SPEAKER 1:** Yeah.

**SPEAKER 3:** Check it out. I mean, check it out for yourself.

**SPEAKER 1:** [LAUGHS] OK, listen.

**SPEAKER 3:** I mean, it's unbelievable.

**SPEAKER 1:** OK, thanks for calling.

**SPEAKER 3:** Hey, take care.

**SPEAKER 1:** Bye-bye. 526-4000 is the number to call, if you want to tell us about the parade--

**SPEAKER 2:** Sounds like we missed the party.

**SPEAKER 1:** --or the Rainbow Festival. Well, I remember, Mike Mische, who used to do Wilde 'N' Stein, took off on one of those Rainbow Gatherings and didn't come back for three or four years. He was up in the mountains, milking goats--

**SPEAKER 2:** How special.

**SPEAKER 1:** --and writing papers. But, anyway.

**SPEAKER 2:** I was real good friends with the head of the Fairy Organization in Louisiana, and never quite got around to making one of their meetings, but it did sound like a festive atmosphere.

**SPEAKER 1:** It sounded wonderful. What's not so festive, back to Nelson Mandela, I guess, is spending 26 years in jail. And what would you do if they came in and said, we're going to start locking people up unless you're straight?

**SPEAKER 2:** I'd say, lock me away. I'm going to have a fun time behind bars.

**SPEAKER 1:** I'd say, put me in jail with a hairy man.

[LAUGHTER]

Anyway, KPFT, 526-4000 is the number to call. And we're going to go to South Africa and listen to this report. And then we're going to play a little music for Nelson Mandela and tell him happy birthday.

We love him. And it takes a lot of guts to stand up for yourself. And as you listen to this, maybe you can stand up for yourself and walk over and pick up the phone and call us. 526-4000.

[AUDIO PLAYBACK]

- On Monday, July 18, one of the world's best-known political prisoners will turn 70 years old in a South African jail. Nelson Mandela has spent 26 years in prison, since being sentenced to life in the early 1960s. Massive protests are scheduled to take place in London, Paris, New York, and other cities centers, against the continued incarceration of Mandela.

To coincide with these events, organizers inside South Africa are planning a series of concerts and cultural events throughout the country. But as Surie Govender reports, the South African government has already begun disrupting the planned celebrations.

- The South African authorities have so far detained about 14 prominent activists in Cape Town, raided the offices of community organizations, and confiscated documents and posters relating to the Mandela celebrations in the city. A freedom marathon and relay event from Pollsmoor Prison to the Township of Gugulethu is one of the many events that has been planned for Cape Town this weekend.

Nelson Mandela has spent the last six years of his nearly 26 years in jail so far at this prison. The Pretoria authorities have also harassed organizers in Johannesburg, by warning that an outdoor concert would be a violation of the security regulations, and by questioning some organizers in Durban.

But in spite of these actions the organizers say that they are determined to proceed with their programs, whatever the harassment and intimidation. Mr. Ben Pretorius is one of the chief organizers in Durban.

- Nelson Mandela is the true leader of this country. And he's regarded so by the majority of the people. On Monday the 18th of July, he turned 70. 26 of these years have been in jail.

And it's what we regard a momentous event. And no matter what this government does, the feeling here is that this event has to be recognized and celebrated as best we can under the severe restrictions in which we

[INAUDIBLE].

- Pretorius says that they are organizing the events under a great deal of stress and have made alternative arrangements for the programs to continue, if they are picked up by the authorities. Pretorius added that they are referring to the events as freedom concerts and freedom rallies, because Mandela represents the aspirations of the South African majority.

- Mandela represents the aspirations of most of the people in this country. And most of those aspirations are contained in the Freedom Charter of 1955. And because we are celebrating his 70th birthday, we also celebrate and we also want to reactivate the values that he represents and that he stands for. And I believe this is the freedom of the people in this country.

- The President of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, Dr. Allan Boesak, who is also a patron of the Non-Racial United Democratic Front, agreed with Pretorius, saying that if they were not allowed to gather in the streets and in the halls, then they would meet in their homes and churches. Quote, "Come what may, we will not allow Mandela 70th birthday to go unnoticed.

[END PLAYBACK]

[MUSIC PLAYING]

(SINGING) Bring back, bring back, bring back awesome, awesome, awesome, awesome.

**SPEAKER 1:** Well, lock me up, baby, for 26 years. I wish somebody would lock me up, so I wouldn't have to go to work.

**SPEAKER 2:** [LAUGHS] That'd be too easy.

**SPEAKER 1:** Well, you're right. They're not going to lock us up. They're going to make us suffer and go to work every day.

**SPEAKER 2:** That's right.

[AUDIO PLAYBACK]

- Ma, is it morning already?

- I just wanted to ask you a question.

- What?

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

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

[LAUGHTER]

- Ma, Phil is not gay.

- You mean you're gay? What, your friend Jean is having some sort of membership drive?

[LAUGHS]

- Ma.

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

[LAUGHTER]

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

- Ma, I am not gay. I just wanted to get your reaction.

- 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.

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

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

[LAUGHTER]

- Jean thinks she's in love with Rose.

- [LAUGHS]

- Ma, come on, it's not funny.

- The hell it's not. Jean in love with Little Miss Muffet. Come on.

[LAUGHTER]

- What is going on?

- Nothing.

[LAUGHTER]

- Oh, come on now, I heard you laughing. What's so funny?

- For starters, Jean is a lesbian.

[LAUGHTER]

- What's funny about that?

- You aren't surprised?

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

[LAUGHTER]

- Not Lebanese, Blanche, lesbian.

- Lesbian, lesbian, lesbian. Well, isn't that where one woman and another--
- You already know what it means.
- But Jean's a very attractive woman. She could have any man she wants.
- She doesn't want them.
- Well, why not? A man has so much more to offer, you know what I mean by that?
- Yeah, I found that out when Mark Perper was running for class president in the third grade.
- Why? What does that have to do with anything?
- Well, his campaign slogan was vote for me and I'll show you my wee-wee.

[LAUGHTER]

He won by a landslide.

[LAUGHTER]

- Well, I'll never understand what Jean doesn't see in the opposite sex. But hey, if that's what makes her happy that's fine by me.
- There's one other thing.
- Jean thinks she's in love with Rose.
- Rose? Jean has the hots for Rose? I don't believe it. I do not believe it.
- I was pretty surprised myself.
- Well, I'll bet. Do you think Jean would prefer Rose over me?

[LAUGHTER]

- Blanche, please.
- Now, you tell me the truth. If you had to pick between me and Rose, who would you pick?
- Blanche, pull yourself together.

[LAUGHTER]

- Oh, I'm sorry.
- Does Rose know?
- No.

- 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.

- Absolutely. If she finds out Danny Thomas is a lesbian, it'll break her heart.

[APPLAUSE]

[END PLAYBACK]

**SPEAKER 1:** Oh, yes.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

Oh, wrong button. I can't turn them on in there.

**SPEAKER 2:** No loss.

**SPEAKER 1:** Is that mic on, or is the other one on? Say something. Neither one of is on. Try that other one.

**SPEAKER 2:** Hello.

**SPEAKER 1:** OK, that one's on. Well, your mic's on that same patch. Anyway, wasn't that funny?

**SPEAKER 2:** That was hysterical. Was that *Golden Girls*?

**SPEAKER 1:** Yeah.

**SPEAKER 2:** I'm sorry I missed that show.

**SPEAKER 1:** It was funny. We got it on video. We may show that sometime, somewhere. 526-4000 is the number to call. A friend of mine, that I love very much-- and I'm sure she's listening right now-- wrote this song. And if you're a singer, we need you to come out and sing it.

Now, the music goes something like this. And the words are hey, hey, you, you, get into the streets. Who me? Yes, you, get into the streets. [INAUDIBLE] that come out of the closet. That's what we wanted to say. [LAUGHS]

Judy, I'm sorry, I screwed up your song. I love you, baby.

**SPEAKER 2:** We all do.

**SPEAKER 1:** But it goes like this. Something like, get out of the street-- get into the streets. It goes, get out of the closet and into the streets. Oh, I can't sing, and you can't either. Get out of the closet and into the streets. I can't sing. I wish I could. I sang one time in church.

Boy, that was a mess. Get out of the closet-- see, if you were a singer, you could do this for us. (SINGING) Get into the streets. Then you could be hearing yourself on the radio. And it goes kind of like this. The words are, oh, run, ya, ya, ya ya. What are you doing hiding in your room?

What are you doing? Why are you hiding? Come into the streets, so you see who you meet. You'll see the world open up to you. Hey, come and see what all we can do.

We'll make the world change some, you and me-- the world a better place, wait and see. Get out of the closet and into the streets. Get out of the closet and into the streets. Don't keep hiding away, start living your life. Oh, I said, hey, hey, you, you, start living your life.

Harvey said it. Let's see how you feel. To the parade, see the hundreds. Your heart were reel. Make it reel, yeah. Get out of the closet and into the streets. Get out of the closet.

See, if you were a singer, you could do this for us. Come on, give us a call at 526-4000 and sing this and make us real happy, because Judy you went to a lot of trouble to write this for us.

Anyway, all the people were coming out. All the people were coming out, to show them our clout. We'll make the world change some, you me-- the world a better place, wait and see. Get out of that closet and into the streets. Get out of that closet and into the streets. Don't keep hiding away. Start living your life.

That's what's important. Don't hide away live your life, no one else's. I said, you all, come on out. You just can't ignore. Let's go, let's go, let's go, let's go.

526-4000 is the number to call. We want to hear from you. And someone just called up and had some wonderful words to share with us, but he said he was afraid to get on the radio.

And I can certainly understand that. I can appreciate that. When you get enough courage-- and believe me, it just takes a little bit, not a whole lot-- call us, and we'll let you tell everybody in the world how wonderful it is.

And your life can be great. I wish that I had heard that 20 years ago and believed it myself, and I wouldn't have spent the last 15-or-20 years wandering around in the closet scared and afraid that someone would find out.

**SPEAKER 2:** We all feel that way.

**SPEAKER 1:** So what do you do?

**SPEAKER 2:** We were all in the closet once?

**SPEAKER 1:** So what do you do?

**SPEAKER 2:** Tell everybody how great it is to be out.

**SPEAKER 1:** And you be honest with yourself. And it really is great, folks. But the only way to know that is to come out.

**SPEAKER 2:** And you do feel so much better.

**SPEAKER 1:** That's right.

**SPEAKER 4:** You start by admitting to one person. And when you realize they don't treat you any different, then you go on from there.

**SPEAKER 1:** And it's not easy. I guarantee you it's not easy.

**SPEAKER 2:** But how you feel when you come out, it's better than sex, folks. And it don't get much better than that.

**SPEAKER 1:** It certainly doesn't. Next week on this program, Mike Wilson, formerly of Parkway Athletic Club-- he's not there anymore. And I don't know if we can tell you why. We're working on that story.

But he'll be here to talk about feeling good and taking care of yourself and living a good life. Is that somebody on the phone for us?

**SPEAKER 5:** Yes.

**SPEAKER 2:** Yes. OK. Thank you, dear. Hello?

**RENEE:** Hello.

**SPEAKER 1:** Hi there. What's up?

**RENEE:** Nothing much. My name is Renee.

**SPEAKER 2:** Hi, Renee.

**SPEAKER 1:** What?

**RENEE:** I was the one who called and said all the wonderful things.

**SPEAKER 1:** What wonderful thing?

**RENEE:** That the show is great and this is my first time ever listening to it. And I think it's great to have a talk show with music and find out all different things that are going on in the community.

And it's just really inspiring. And it feels great. And I came out real young, and was very open about it to my parents.

**SPEAKER 1:** Uh-huh. Were your parents receptive to you?

**RENEE:** Not at first.

**SPEAKER 1:** Because mine haven't been for years. They still aren't.

**RENEE:** It's wonderful now. Everyone in my family and aunts, uncles, and friends-- great friends know. And I have a lot of support. And it's really great that I have. And I'm very fortunate, because I know there is not a lot of people who are.

**SPEAKER 2:** That's great.

**RENEE:** I hope they continue to be.

**SPEAKER 4:** Renee.

**RENEE:** And I just wanted to call and say, you have a great talk show.

**JIM:** Renee, can you hear me?

**RENEE:** Yes.

**SPEAKER 2:** Hi.

**RENEE:** How's it going?

**JIM:** Great, great. This is Jim. And I've known you for a long time.

**RENEE:** Yeah, about five years from now.

**JIM:** You are probably the youngest person that I ever met who came out.

**RENEE:** Yeah, I don't know, you were a big help to me.

**JIM:** Why thank you.

**RENEE:** And helped me a lot to open up, and taught me a lot in life. And finally, now at age 21, I'm very happy and content when I wasn't--

**SPEAKER 1:** Age 21? Yeah.

**JIM:** Yeah

**SPEAKER 4:** An old man.

**RENEE:** [LAUGHS]

**SPEAKER 1:** Jim, exactly what did you help him do?

**JIM:** Well, let me tell you, Renee, you helped me out a lot too. Because I could see you so much younger than me. And now you at age 21 have helped out someone-- me, age 40. I think we both came out together.

**RENEE:** No, I didn't ever realize that. We did lose touch there for a while, for at least two years. Anyway, now we're talking again.

**JIM:** I know, isn't that great?

**RENEE:** It is. It really is. And I'm glad to be back in your life.

**JIM:** Thanks. For people who don't know, we ran into each other at the Pride Parade. And it was just a real nice feeling, after a whole day of nice feelings, to run into an old friend.

**SPEAKER 1:** That's what the parade's all about too, right?

**SPEAKER 2:** It really is, friends and family and getting together and having a good time and letting people know that you are gay and that you're proud to be gay and proud to be out of that closet.

**RENEE:** I came out on the news, and I was so proud.

[LAUGHTER]

It was really nice. It was like, there I am, there I am.

**SPEAKER 1:** That's great.

**RENEE:** But I am proud. And anyway, thanks a lot. And goodnight.

**JIM:** Well, thanks for calling.

**RENEE:** Sure. Bye, Jim.

**JIM:** Thanks for listening. Bye, Renee.

**SPEAKER 1:** Well, so now what are we going to talk about? Buddy is still over here cueing stuff up.

**SPEAKER 2:** Well, you know, we didn't really talk about Nelson Mandela that much. And I was talking to Buddy a little bit before. And I think maybe a lot of the problems here is we hear the word apartheid, apartheid.

And we're not familiar with that word. We don't know what it means. And what it really means is segregation. But we all know what that means.

**SPEAKER 1:** We certainly do.

**SPEAKER 4:** Ooh, yes, we do. Discrimination for one.

**SPEAKER 2:** That's exactly right. We who are gay know what that means.

**SPEAKER 1:** And homophobia, kids, is so rampant right now-- are you ready for this-- in the gay community.

**SPEAKER 4:** No.

**SPEAKER 1:** It is just eating us alive. And I've got another newsflash for you. Harvey Milk was murdered 10 years ago in City Hall in San Francisco. We're going to have that candlelight vigil down in front of the Reflection Pool.

And Harvey Milk was not murdered by Dan White. Dan White did not kill Harvey Milk.

Now, Dan White may have loaded the gun and put it in his pocket and drove to City Hall and climbed in a basement window and went into the Office of the Mayor and pulled the trigger of the gun that fired four-or-five bullets into the body of George Moscone, the mayor of San Francisco. George may have died.

Dan White may have walked across the hall, pulled the gun out of his pocket after reloading, and shot Harvey Milk four-or-five times-- then walking over again, sticking the barrel of the gun into his ear and pulling it at fourth-or-fifth time.

Dan White may have done all that, but Dan White didn't kill Harvey Milk. The homophobia that's destroying our country, that's destroying our community is what killed Harvey Milk, and Dan White.

**SPEAKER 2:** That's right.

**SPEAKER 1:** He wound up killing himself. That homophobia is killing us, and it's tearing us apart.

**SPEAKER 2:** And you know, homophobia isn't just a straight person's disease, or Eddie Murphy's disease. It's our disease too.

**SPEAKER 1:** It certainly is.

**SPEAKER 2:** Homophobia is one of the biggest problems we have facing us in the gay community. Violence against gay people doesn't just come from people in the straight community. It happens in the gay community, too.

We have to start fixing things at home, and then we can start fixing things outside of our homes. And that means getting the gay people out of their closets and out of their homophobic lives, so that they can make a difference-- so we can all make a difference.

**SPEAKER 1:** It's like the young man that called us and said that he couldn't get on the air, and he couldn't speak because he wasn't comfortable. Stonewall was 20 years ago next year. How long do you have to wait?

**SPEAKER 2:** That's right.

**SPEAKER 1:** 20 years, that sounds like a long time. Nelson Mandela has been in prison for 26 years. How long do you want to wait? You can continue to hide and continue to believe all that garbage that they tell you. It's not true.

I worked for the police department. You know who molest children in this country?

**SPEAKER 4:** Straight people.

**SPEAKER 1:** Look at the statistics. Look at the FBI statistics, if you don't believe what I tell you. Do you know who beats women and children, and abandons their children on the sides of roads to be found by someone else? It's not gay people.

**SPEAKER 4:** Straight people.

**SPEAKER 1:** We have a problem here. And the problem is--

**SPEAKER 4:** Straight people.

**SPEAKER 1:** --the gay community is so wrapped up in hating itself. And we're trying to tell you that life is wonderful, and it should be lived. And speaking of wonderful, there's someone on the phone that helped put together that wonderful March down West Town

**RAINBOW:** Oh God.

**SPEAKER 1:** Right.

**SPEAKER 4:** Oh no.

**SPEAKER 1:** It's that clown.

**SPEAKER 4:** It's the clown The clown, clown.

**RAINBOW:** How are you doing?

**SPEAKER 2:** Hi, Rainbow.

**SPEAKER 1:** What's up?

**RAINBOW:** Good morning.

**SPEAKER 2:** Good morning.

**RAINBOW:** OK, I just recuperated from the parade.

**SPEAKER 1:** Oh, me too.

**SPEAKER 4:** You ready for next year, Rainbow?

**RAINBOW:** I'm getting ready for next year. When's the first meeting?

**SPEAKER 1:** First meeting, third Sunday in August-- 6:00 PM.

**RAINBOW:** Is that for everybody?

**SPEAKER 1:** Everybody.

**SPEAKER 4:** Everybody, everybody.

**SPEAKER 2:** We're having elections and all kinds of fun things.

**SPEAKER 1:** You never know what's going to happen in those meetings.

**SPEAKER 2:** That's for sure.

**SPEAKER 1:** And we certainly want people to come in the beginning, so they don't have to wait till the week before to start bitching.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

**SPEAKER 4:** You want to make a difference, show up.

**RAINBOW:** Or the week after.

**SPEAKER 2:** Yeah, come along with us, and we'll all fight all year and get ready for it.

**RAINBOW:** Or the week after.

**SPEAKER 1:** Exactly. Anything else going on?

**RAINBOW:** Well, I heard your comments about the drag that was in the parade.

**SPEAKER 1:** The drag was wonderful.

**RAINBOW:** Yeah, wasn't it great?

**SPEAKER 1:** It certainly was.

**RAINBOW:** I didn't read the papers the week after, or anything like that, because I've been busy working and going to clown school and everything else. but. What that lady said in the *Post*?

**SPEAKER 1:** Uh-huh.

**RAINBOW:** Well, the thing is people don't realize, the people that we did have in drag were the ones that helped support this community.

**SPEAKER 1:** Exactly.

**RAINBOW:** What is it, the garden party?

**SPEAKER 1:** The garden party, the imperial court.

**RAINBOW:** Their benefits are for the AIDS Foundation.

**SPEAKER 1:** The imperial court, they've pumped hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of dollars into this community.

**RAINBOW:** 54 days out of the year, these people work. They use their talents to do all this stuff.

**SPEAKER 1:** And we have to make people understand, it's OK when they go on the radio and advertise that country radio station-- and the ladies holding the two geese under her arms, and everybody think that's funny-- and when they do everything else. It's OK if straight people do it. But let gay people stand up and try to be proud of themselves.

**RAINBOW:** Like my grandmother, who used to watch Uncle Miltie.

**SPEAKER 1:** Exactly. Uncle Miltie used to parade around in a skirt.

**RAINBOW:** [INAUDIBLE] years ago.

**SPEAKER 1:** It just makes me very angry. Gay drag is something that's very important and a very special part of our community. And I think that it's a shame that--

**RAINBOW:** Every group in the parade, even though the women said they weren't that much involved. There was a lot of women in the parade. Maybe the specialized groups weren't involved.

But I called them. Like I told the *Voice* right after the parade-- it was a half-hour parade. I said, you call these people, these people, these people and ask them how many times. I asked them to be in the parade.

**SPEAKER 1:** It's the same people that say nothing ever happens, right? They want to bitch and complain. Nobody wants to put in the work.

**RAINBOW:** I want to tell you something about the garden party. Thursday, after the parade, I got a call from one of them. And they said the response for their event, which is going to support the AIDS Foundation, has been great. It was just great. So there was some great things that came out of that.

**SPEAKER 1:** We're all looking forward to the garden party.

**RAINBOW:** Are you going to the garden party?

**SPEAKER 1:** Well, of course

**SPEAKER 2:** Hey, that's a fun event. Last week I didn't get-- because I fell asleep.

**SPEAKER 1:** You were here last week

**RAINBOW:** And the week before that, I think you had something else on.

**SPEAKER 1:** Yeah we weren't here that week either.

**RAINBOW:** They were talking about breakfast cereal.

**SPEAKER 1:** We'll see you at the first Pride Week meeting, if not before.

**RAINBOW:** What day is that?

**SPEAKER 2:** It's the third Sunday in August. It's the 21st, at 6:00 PM.

**SPEAKER 1:** The number to call is 961-2905, if you want more information about that.

**RAINBOW:** Well, it's good talking to you. I still got one more check for your roommate. Well, bring it. We need that money.

**SPEAKER 2:** Thanks, Rainbow.

**SPEAKER 1:** Thanks, Rainbow.

**RAINBOW:** All right. Be safe.

**SPEAKER 1:** That guy put so much work into that.

**SPEAKER 2:** He really did. Rainbow did a wonderful job.

**SPEAKER 1:** And we had a blast.

**SPEAKER 2:** There were a number of people that said, the clown is doing the parade. But Rainbow really did. Even the people that knew Rainbow could do a good job-- and I knew Rainbow could do a good job, but Rainbow even surprised me. He did a wonderful job, went out of way doing a really good thing.

**SPEAKER 4:** Listen, he really kept us informed at the switchboard, too, of all the events going on, so we could give that information out to people.

**SPEAKER 1:** And there were a lot of people in the gay community that were complaining about the drag queens that were in the parade. And I just say, you got to get over it.

**SPEAKER 2:** You have to get over it. And when we were talking earlier, we were complaining that the *Post* and the *Chronicle* didn't cover anything but the drag queens.

And the drag queens are a very important part of our community. The problem is with the media is that's the only thing they focus on. They don't focus on the fact that there are a lot of people that aren't in drag in the parades.

But those people in the parades that are in drag have a very important reason to be there. The whole reason we have Pride Week was because of drag Queens upsetting a New York Bar 19 years ago, and being in a riot with police for three days.

And to say to those people now that you don't have any right here, you can't be part of our parade would be ludicrous, because they are the ones that initially stood up and said, we're not taking this anymore. And that's very important that we not lose sight of that.

**SPEAKER 1:** And a friend of mine, who is a lesbian-- she's a very big believer in the word lesbian-- told me that she didn't feel a part of Stonewall. And there was a little woman-- and if you listened to the beginning of the show, you heard a thing we played called "Gay History Rap," where they talk about a little dyke-- she wasn't much bigger than Lynn Lavner-- that came in. And she was swinging parking meters and kicking-- you can't say that word on the radio unless you play it backwards.

But women were a part of that. And it's true that women have been mistreated in the gay movement, just like women have been mistreated in this country for the last 150, 200 years.

**SPEAKER 2:** That's right.

**SPEAKER 1:** But we need to get over that, and we all need to get together. And I don't care if you call it gay and lesbian, or lesbian and gay, or if we call it the dishwasher brigade--

**SPEAKER 2:** Amen.

**SPEAKER 1:** --let's call it something that can get us all together and get everybody out.

**SPEAKER 2:** Can I make an announcement?

**SPEAKER 1:** Yeah.

**SPEAKER 2:** There's a new group in town, and they have a wonderful little flyer out. It says, being a lesbian does not make you less of a mother, and being a mother does not make you less of a lesbian. If you're a lesbian mother and you're interested in being part of a new support group that's forming for lesbian mothers, please call 772-4406.

And it's really great to see this group forming. There was a lesbian mothers group in town several years ago that folded due to lack of interest. And there are a lot of women out there that are mothers, and it's very important that they have a group.

**SPEAKER 1:** A lot of things in the world-- you can't just say the gay community, because it's in the world-- fold up because of a lack of interest.

**SPEAKER 5:** That is truly good news. Because at the gay-and-lesbian switchboard, we get several calls a week from women looking for that type of support group.

**SPEAKER 4:** So now you'll to tell them about it.

**SPEAKER 5:** Right.

**SPEAKER 1:** What's the number at the switchboard, Jim?

**JIM:** It's 529-3211.

[AUDIO PLAYBACK]

- The disorders began with a routine police raid on a homosexual bar-- the Stonewall on Christopher Street, in the heart of the West Village.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

- What do we want?

- (TOGETHER) Gay rights!

- When do we want it?

- (TOGETHER) Now.

- What do we want?

- (TOGETHER) Gay rights!

- When do we want it?

- (TOGETHER) Now!

- Hey, say it so they can hear you in the temple! For love and for life, we're not going back. For love and for life, we're not going back. For love and for life, we're not going back. For love and for life, we're not going back.

- I want you to savor this next moment. I have the proud task of telling you that the official count of the Lesbian and Gay Rights March-- the official count is over 500,000 strong.

- 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.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

(SINGING) Standing in the shadow too long. Waiting on the sideline too long. Boy, I've been watching you, now you're going to watch me too. I'm coming out of hiding. I'm coming out of hiding.

It's no mystery how you missed me for so long, but that's history. You were been so wrong for so long. Boy, I've been watching you, now you're going to want me too. I'm coming out of hiding. I'm coming out of hiding. I'm coming out of hiding.

- If you don't like, you may all come out.

- We're queer.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

(SINGING) Standing in the shadow too long. Waiting on the sideline much too long. Watching and wanting you, now you're going to want me too. I'm coming out of hiding. I'm coming out of hiding.

Coming out of hiding, looking for somebody like you. Coming out of hiding, coming on the run, coming for nobody but you. Coming, coming out of hiding coming, out of hiding

Come.

Coming out of hiding. Coming out of hiding.

- As president of the Board of Supervisors, it's my duty to make this announcement. Both Mayor Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk have been shot and killed.

- Dorothy, we're not in Kansas anymore.

- They've got to understand something. They've got to understand something. We are not talking about [INAUDIBLE] politics. This is not a movement from the waist down. We are talking about our life of love and to choose and to live, and I don't care about straight politics. And I don't care about [INAUDIBLE]. You better hear me in Washington.

- Harvey, do you have a few words for KPFT?

- Come on out. Join us. Bring a friend.

- What do you think about the turnout?

- Well, it's never enough. It's never enough.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

(SINGING) I'm out of hiding. Come out of hiding. I'm out of hiding. Come out of hiding.

- 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.

[APPLAUSE]

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.

[APPLAUSE]

[MUSIC PLAYING]

(SINGING) Coming out of hiding. Coming out of hiding. Out of hiding.

I'm out of hiding.

Out of hiding. Out of hiding.

I'm out of hiding.

Out of hiding.

Coming out of hiding.

- I ask people all over this country to do one thing-- come out. Come out, America. Come out.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

(SINGING) Come out of the closet and love me.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

(SINGING) [INAUDIBLE]

- Somewhere in Des Moines or San Antonio, there's a young gay person who all of a sudden realizes that she or he is gay-- knows that if the parents find out, they'll be tossed out of the house. The classmates were taunt the child. And the Anita Bryants and John Briggs are doing their bit on TV.

And that child has several options-- staying in the closet, suicide. And then one day, that child might open a paper that says, "Homosexual Elected In San Francisco." And there are two new options. The option is to go to California--

[APPLAUSE]

--or stay in San Antonio and fight. Two days after I was elected, I got a phone call, and the voice was quite young. It was from Altoona, Pennsylvania. And the person said, thanks.

And you've got to elect gay people so that that young child and the thousands upon thousands like that child know that there's hope for a better world, there's hope for a better tomorrow. Without hope the only gays but those Blacks and the Asians and disabled and seniors-- the uses-- the uses-- without hope, the uses give up.

I know that you cannot live on hope alone, but without it life is not worth living. And you and you and you have got to him hope. Thank you very much.

[END PLAYBACK]

**SPEAKER 1:** Someone keeps calling and saying, read the scripture on the air. I don't have my Bible with me, but if you'd call back and talk to us on the air, we'd let you read it. I'd also suggest that you pick up your Bible and turn it to John 3:16.

Because it says, "For God so loved the world that he sent his only begotten son, that whosoever believe it than Him shall not perish and have everlasting life."

And if you pick up your Bible and turn it to the part where the apostles ask Jesus, what's the greatest commandment in the world, Jesus said, the greatest commandment is to love thy God with all my heart, all thy soul, and all your mind. And he went on to say that the second commandment is to love thy neighbor as thyself.

There's good Christians that want to call and suggest that we read the Bible. I read my Bible, baby. I read of a God that teaches of love and not of hate. I read of a God that teaches of hope and not of despair. I read of a God that teaches of life and not of sickness.

God lives in a place where it's wonderful. He doesn't live in a place where they name parks after Ku Klux Klan wizards-- people that promote bigotry and hatred.

**SPEAKER 2:** God is love.

**SPEAKER 1:** God is love. He's not a love that kicks children out because they try to be something that he made them. God is not someone that goes around and judges people.

Yes, I would love to read that scripture on the air, and you're more than welcome to come down here and be on this program with us. But the God you talk about, I don't know, and I don't think I want to know him. So, no thanks.

If you'd like to get involved with this program, it's real easy. All you got to do is pick up the phone and call us-- 526-4000-- at the radio station. Or you can call me at home at the *After Hours* hotline, any time, 7 days a week, 24 hours a day-- 529-4636.

You can write us at *After Hours*, KPFT, 419 Lovett Boulevard, Houston, Texas 77006.

And to you that listen every week and are afraid to get on the radio and speak your piece, or come out to your family or your friends, all I can tell you is that the first Pride Week meeting is the third Sunday in August. And life-

**SPEAKER 2:** Will never be the same again.

**SPEAKER 1:** It will never be the same again.

**SPEAKER 2:** And my, isn't it great?

**SPEAKER 1:** We're getting ready for the 20th anniversary celebration of Stonewall. If you don't know what that is, if you don't know who Harvey Milk is, come out and find out what's happening. And you can call the switchboard, right guys?

**SPEAKER 4:** That's right.

**SPEAKER 1:** And the number is.

**SPEAKER 4:** 529-3211.

**SPEAKER 1:** Sounds good. Well, it's almost time for us to go we've been gone a couple of weeks.

**SPEAKER 4:** It's 4 o'clock already?

**SPEAKER 2:** I can't believe it.

**SPEAKER 1:** I know, I don't want to go.

**SPEAKER 4:** That's not what you said five minutes ago.

**SPEAKER 2:** I'm raring to go now.

**SPEAKER 1:** Time for *Paradise Lost*, coming up next.

**SPEAKER 2:** Time to go home and go to sleep. I'm not sleepy.

**SPEAKER 1:** I got to go home and go to work.

**SPEAKER 2:** And we can't go party. I mean, this is *After Hours*.

**SPEAKER 1:** Well, you can-- I started to say, you could come to my house, but I got to go to work.

**SPEAKER 2:** Well.

**SPEAKER 1:** I know.

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[APPLAUSE]

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.

[APPLAUSE]

And I ask people all over this country to do one thing-- come out. Come out, America. Come out.

**SPEAKER 1:** And we'll see you next week. So stay tuned *After Hours*, and *Paradise Lost* coming up right around the corner. KPFT Houston, 90.1 FM, where you hear what you've been missing. That includes the Democratic Convention beginning Monday morning.

So stay with us to KPFT. We're glad you're there. Bye.

[MUSIC PLAYING]