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- --or CNN.

- Oh, I don't know. I don't know about CNN.

- Oh, shut up Harvey. You already said your piece.

- Well.

- OK. Where are we? We're here.

- And we're queer.

- Yeah, we are.

- We're just in a strange mood.

- Whoa.

- Listen to this.

[MUSIC - REM, "IT'S THE END OF THE WORLD AS WE KNOW (AND I FEEL FINE)"]

- We must be continue to speak out.

- Most importantly, every gay person must come out.

[CHEERING]

- Actually, it's not. I just sometimes wish it was.

- Oh, you don't. You just--

- Yeah, I do.

- Sometimes you feel like it might be.

- It's OK, though, right?

- Yeah.

- Oh, kids. It's all right.

- It's all right.

- *After Hours* on KPFT. Somehow we're going to make it through the insanity together. Hang in there, kids.

It really is, babies. It's all right. *After Hours* radio celebrating live from the heart of Montrose. We're here--

- And we're queer.

- Yeah.

- Now, I'll tell you what the gay movement's about. After I got elected, I got the phone call I knew I'd eventually get. I got quite a few of them.

One was from a 17-year-old child in a small town in Minnesota, and the boy is handicapped. And the boy's parents found out he's gay, and they want to put him in an insane asylum. That boy needs help.

And the gay movement is about the letter I got from Southwest Africa when he read about a gay person getting elected here, and that person has hope. And that 17-year-old kid in Minnesota has hope. And we have gay leaders not understanding that and are more worried about their own personal power, they're not gay leaders. They're offensive.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

- That's so true. All we have is a little over three hours and 10 minutes to tell you it's OK. Oh, well. It's Michael Callen from the album *Purple Heart*.

- A classic.

- I think this is going to be in that grab bag, girl.

- Really?

- Yeah, all kinds of good stuff. Speaking of all kinds of good stuff, you know that hateful Catholic Church?

[LAUGHTER]

- I recall it--

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

- Oh, God. Who said that. No, somebody called up and they were saying, well, the church says-- well, Romanovsky and Phillips have a great song all about the church on their new album *Be Political Not Polite*. It simply called "Him."

- Oh.

- And it sort of goes like this--

[MUSIC - ROMANOVSKY AND PHILLIPS, "HIM"]

- It's called, "For the Straight Folks Who Don't Mind Gays but Wish They Weren't so Blatant." You know, some people got a lot of nerve. Sometimes I don't believe the things I see and hear. Have you met the woman who's shocked by two women kissing and in the same breath tells you that she's pregnant? But gays shouldn't be blatant.

Or this straight couple sits next to you in a movie and you can't hear the dialogue because of the sound effects. But gays shouldn't be blatant. And the woman in your office spends your whole lunch hour talking about her new bikini drawers and how much her husband likes them. But gays shouldn't be blatant.

Or the hip chick in your class, rattling a mile a minute while you're trying to get stoned in the John about the camping trip she took with her musician boyfriend. But gays shouldn't be blatant. You go in a public bathroom and all over the walls there's John loves Mary, Janis digs Richard, Pepe loves Delores, et cetera. But gays shouldn't be blatant.

Or you go to an amusement park and there's a tunnel of love, and pictures of straights painted on the front and grinning couples coming in and out. But gays shouldn't be blatant. Fact is, blatant heterosexuals are all over the place-- supermarkets, movies, at work, in church, in books, on television every day and night, every place, even in gay bars. And they want gay men and women to go hide in the closets.

So to you straight folks I say, sure, I'll go, if you go too. But I'm polite, so after you. Thank you.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

- Thank you, Pat.

[MUSIC - ABC, "ONE BETTER WORLD"]

- We haven't heard this in a long time.

- Yeah, I know.

- Somebody dust that off.

- We need it tonight. We need it tonight.

- 90.1 FM. This is for all those folks in Russia.

- Yeah.

Harvey, do you have a few words for KPFA?

- Yeah. Come on out.

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

They've got to understand something! They've got to understand something. We are not talking about just politics. This is not a movement from the waist down!

We are talking about our right to love, and to choose, and to live, and I don't care about straight tolerance, and I don't care about straight understanding, you better hear me in Washington! We are demanding. We are demanding our civil rights!

Harvey, do you have a few words for KPFA?

- Yeah, come on out. Join us. Bring your friends.

- What do you think about the turnout so far?

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

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.

[SONG CONTINUES]

- When we allow freedom ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, Black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the Negro spiritual, free at last, free at last, thank God, Almighty, we are free at last!

[CHEERING]

[CHANTING]

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[CHANTING]

- I'm here at Berkeley tonight to say some good things about Texas. I'm proud to be a Texan. I know that I could not have heard Harvey Milk's challenge to me.

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

- There's not something in my life in this state that prepared me to hear the word of freedom that Harvey spoke to us. I am here tonight because it is time that all of us who love this state that gave us life and has nurtured us and taught us our values to stand up and claim the history of this state for freedom, and justice, and human respect, away from the forces of narrowmindedness and bigotry that too often dominate the politics of the state of Texas.

[APPLAUSE AND CHEERING]

[SONG CONTINUES]

- OK, Murray. Next week we're just going to play music.

[LAUGHTER]

Go back--

- What.

- --music. Huh?

- What?

- Oh, I don't know.

- I'm just kidding you.

- Good. I enjoy the music.

- What is, 17 minutes until 4:00.

- The music, especially the mix--

- For you.

- --on this show, I don't hear on any other.

- Oh, you don't?

- Where is that blues for you cart? We haven't played it all night.

- Where the hell is that?

- Yeah

- Where the hell is that.

- Stick that sucker in there.

- Oh, God! No, here we go.

[MUSIC - "IN THE HEAT OF THE NIGHT"]

- In the heat of the night, we have blues for you on 90.1 FM, KPFT, Houston, Texas. 4:00 am Sundays.

- Oh God. - Girl, that bedroom voice should be on--

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

- --that'll slow you right on down. Won't it?

- Well.

- And they'll be here at 4:00.

- Yeah.

- Kathleen's in there now pulling--

- Stuff.

- Well.

- OK, Murray. Shut up.

- OK.

- Do that blue stuff at 4:00. We're going to do this stuff now. You ready?

- Yeah.

- Ma.

- Ma.

- Is it morning already?

- No. 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.

- Ma, Phil is not gay.

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

[LAUGHTER]

- 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. 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.

- That'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]

- Jeanne thinks she's in love with Rose.

[SCATTERED LAUGHTER]

[LAUGHTER]

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

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

[LAUGHTER]

- What is going on?

- Nothing.

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

- For starters, Jeanne 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.

[LAUGHTER]

- Lesbian.

- Lesbian. Lesbian. Lesbian!

[LAUGHTER]

But isn't that, well, one woman and another--

- We already know what it means.

- But Jeanne'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 Dorothy?

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

- Well, 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 Jeanne 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.

- Jeanne thinks she's in love with Rose.

- Rose? Jeanne has the hots for Rose. I don't believe it! I do not believe it!

- I was pretty surprised myself.

- Well, I'll bet. To think Jeanne would prefer Rose over me! That's ridiculous!

[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!

- 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.

[LAUGHTER]

[MUSIC PLAYING]

[SHOUTING]

- Thousands of people have come here just to stand in lines in front of this building not to let the soldiers occupy the place, not to let them arrest the leaders of the Russian Republic. So we have come here to protect our government, to protect our lawfully-elected president. And we are absolutely horrified of everything that is going on in the country. Because this means just the end of anything, and we are going to just stand here if necessary for days and night to protect our government and to preserve all the freedom that we have been moving to.



- We are here just to support and protect Russian government. Because all the people around Russia voted for that government, and that is why we are here.

- We want democracy. But when two, three months ago people from [INAUDIBLE] say, Bush, help me. Bush say, no, no. And now we this this situation. It's bad.

Now, we say, America, help us. Bush, help us. If Bush will stand and not go for us, it's democracy finished here.

[SHOUTING]

[MUSIC - MAUREEN MCGOVERN, "THE MORNING AFTER"]

- That's so true. Because sooner or later the dust has to settle. And I don't know, I just hope for the good of the world that it settles in all the right places.

- Certainly a good morning after for our friends in Russia.

- Lots of stuff happening in the world and pretty scary.

- Actually, it is. Because at one point Gorbachev said that the leaders of the coup took his briefcase that contained the codes for the nuclear warheads.

- No.

- And it takes his case and the case of someone in the military and somebody else, and they had two of the three.

- That's scary.

- Because, see what's scary about it is that some bozo over there could have pushed a button. And if one shoots one, well, then two shoot back. And then they shoot four, and then we shoot seven. And then, before you know it, it's just one big mess.

I work with a guy. He said his dad called him the other day when this all started and said he just wanted to talk to him. And he said he never calls up like that. And he said, I was wondering, is there anything OK? And he said, yeah. And he said, after I talked with him, I thought, well, maybe was just thinking, what if.

- Good possibility.

- What if. What if all you queens came out of the closet. Oh. Oh, never mind. That's not going to happen. Here's Ron and Paul one more time, and then we're going to get the hell out of here, OK?

- OK.

- OK.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

- Please send money.

- Oh, girlfriend--

- Oh, no, wait a minute.

- --it's the old roundup music.

- That two or three weeks away.

- Yes, it is. Yes, it is.

- And we're going to hypnotize you. Ooh, this is nice. It's time to go home. Thank God, or Buddha, or the force from Star Wars, or--

- Goddess.

- --like whoever you pray to when you're down on your knees.

- Personally, I get down on--

[LAUGHTER]

--I better not say that. Anyway.

- Yes. Yes.

- Next week, what are we doing?

- We're sitting around looking at each other. Two queens sitting around talking to each other. That's it.

- And you'll be listening.

- God, why do you listen? Write us at *After Hours*, KPFT, 419 Levitt Boulevard, Houston, Texas. 77006, where it's not just a zip code--

- It's a lifestyle.

- Yeah. And stay tuned for the Blues Broads coming your way.

- Yeah.

- And call us at whatever the hell the number is.

- *After Hours* hotline at 529-4636.

- If you need to weather. Call 529-4444--

- If you need to know what's going on in the gay and lesbian community, called the Gay and Lesbian Switchboard at 529-3211.

- And until next Sunday, remember, Tammy Faye Bakker has a new hairdo. No, no, no.

- No, girl. No.

- OK. Remember, what?

- We love you, babies.

- Yeah. Remember what Harvey Milk said please. Rights are not won on paper, they are won only by those who make their voices heard. Bye. Have a great week, kids.

And Remember, Pee-Wee Herman did not get arrested in Sarasota.

- No, Paul Rubens. This is much more fun than what we did last week, isn't it?

- Yes, it is.

- Yeah, it is. I'll see you next Sunday.

- Yeah

- Maybe.

- Hateful queen.

[MUSIC PLAYING]