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**SPEAKER 1:** Since the beginning of recorded history, the aloe vera plant has been used for a variety of medicinal purposes. Those of us in Texas were taught early on by our parents and grandparents that when you burn yourself, you should place the juice from a freshly cut aloe leaf on the burn.

For many years, scientists tried to determine what other properties the aloe plant might have, but they all found that unless the chemicals present in the plant were used immediately, they were worthless due to decay. That's why grandma always cut the leaf and applied it directly to our burn.

In 1984, Carrington Laboratories in Dallas was able to isolate an active chemical component of the plant and freeze dry it without losing any of its power. Carrington called this extracted active molecule kerosene, and has been testing its uses, toxicity, and action for many years.

They sell the carrots and molecule contained in a beverage called DeVeras. It's available for nutritional consumption with no claims regarding its use. A proposed therapeutic dose is 1,000 milligrams or a gram of kerosene, which can be found in 20 fluid ounces of what its consumers commonly call the juice.

Thus far, 10 significant physiological effects have been described. According to W. Haldeman MD, Professor of Medicine at UT Med School, kerosene stimulates T helper cell production in AIDS patients. It's theorized that this is due to kerosene induced production of E type prostaglandins substances in the body.

The macrophages in our bodies produce a large array of secretions, including interferons interleukin 1 and 2. In those people who consume kerosene, unusual primitive general purpose immune cells appear. In lower animals, such as a starfish, these cells would carry on all of the immune system functions, whereas humans have a large variety of cells to accomplish these tasks. It appears that in immune depressed individuals, these G cells can aid or even take over for their T cell-- reduced T cell population on a temporary basis.

In patients monitored by HR McDaniel MD, the chief pathologist and director of Clinical Laboratories at Dallas Fort Worth Hospital since 1985, those patients consuming 1,000 milligrams of kerosene have shown a 60% clinical improvement in laboratory values and the virtual elimination of ARC symptoms in the variety of subjects. Drs. McDaniel and Terri Pulse administered 20 ounces daily to 13 patients.

Prior to therapy, the average T cell count of the patients was 360. After eight weeks, the average was 450, and after 32 weeks, the average was 534. That comes out to be a 50% improvement in eight months. At that point, only two patients had T4 cell counts less than 500, and all patients had a T4 8 ratio that improved, which is understandable, considering the fact that their T4s went up.

In most patients, the P24 antigen test declined after a 2 to 10 week period, and eventually dropped to zero. There's been no toxicity noted in any study using kerosene.

In a study by Drs. McDaniel and Haldeman, within 90 days of beginning treatment in a study of eight patients, 71% of the ARC symptoms were eliminated. Two unemployable PWAs returned to work, and in three patients, using the core HIV antigen test, circulating virus was shown to be eliminated, and virus-infected cells were also ultimately eliminated from the patient's bodies, resulting in negative HIV cultures.

Kerosene appears to work by causing an abnormal glycoprotein on the binding side of the HIV envelope and activating the virus. In another study by Dr. McDaniel, the results were not so encouraging, with only seven patients involved, and several dirtying the study by not following the protocol correctly.

So Carrington has applied to the US Patent Office for kerosene, and investigational new drug applications have been filed. The testing of a new drug would take several years in the US, so Carrington is also testing the drug in France and data should be more quickly available from that study.

It's important to remember that it's extremely difficult to isolate the correct molecule from the aloe plant without its decaying almost immediately. Some products claiming to be aloe extracts actually contain absolutely no aloe at all, and therefore no kerosene. A month's supply of kerosene runs around \$125 to \$135.

The company which is distributing DeVeras, and the company is also called DeVeras, can be contacted in Dallas at area code 214-823-4659. But the juice is available right here in Houston through the Houston Buyers Club, and they can be contacted at 522-2037.

As with any treatment which you decide to undertake, it's vital that you do more than just listen to a radio program. If you find kerosene intriguing, please feel free to call me here at the radio station tonight at 526-4000, or on my business line any time at 640-6570, and I'll be happy to supply you with the scientific journal references so that you and your doctor and investigate the product for yourself.

And I'd like to thank Charles Caulfield up in Dallas and the *Gay Men's Health Crisis* newsletter from whose research most of this data became. And that's the *Alternative Treatment News*.

**SPEAKER 2:** OK well, coming up next, we're going to have a look at a film called *Baghdad Cafe*, which is the new film by a German director Percy Adlon. And Judy and I saw it this week, and we liked it a lot.

**SPEAKER 3:** It was wonderful.

**SPEAKER 2:** Yeah. Well, let's talk a little bit about the film. Percy Adlon is best known in this country for the 1985 film *Sugar Baby*, and that film star, Marianne Sagabrecht also stars as Jasmin in *Baghdad Cafe*.

This film takes us to the middle of nowhere on a road between Vegas and Disneyland. Jasmin, a German tourist traveling in America, is abandoned, along with her luggage and a cheap set of magic tricks, on the road after a fight with her husband.

Jasmin walks all the way to the little town of Baghdad, which consists of little more than a seedy motel, a tiny cafe, and a couple of gas pumps. The motel and cafe are run by a fierce, suspicious woman named Brenda, played by CCH Pounder.

Brenda takes an immediate dislike to Jasmin, and much of the first part of the film shows Jasmin breaking down the barriers that make Brenda so hostile. Jasmin tries to be nice, doing cleaning for Brenda and taking an interest in Brenda's children, Sal Jr. and Phyllis, but nothing seems to work until one day when Jasmin is entertaining the children with her magic set. If we're lucky, we're going to get to hear Percy Adlon, the director of the film, tell a little bit of the story.

[AUDIO PLAYBACK]

**PERCY ADLON:** The door flies open, and Brenda bursts in like a fury. She shouts the children out of the room and tears the baby out of Jasmin's arms. Her tirade climaxes in telling Jasmin to get the hell out with the sentence, go play with your own kids. But before Brenda can slam the door, Jasmine raises her hand defensively and softly says, I do not have any.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

The words work magic on Brenda. She gazes at Jasmin. Jasmin's eyes exude an infinite tenderness. Brenda's rage vanishes. She closes the door behind her. Her footsteps recede, and stop, and hesitantly come closer again.

The door opens gently. I didn't mean it that way, Brenda mutters awkwardly. All the work around here, and my husband left me a week ago. I didn't mean it that way.

That evening, Jasmin appears in the cafe. The Indian puts two plates of food down on the counter. Jasmin looks at Brenda, takes them, and serves the two truckers sitting at a table. Brenda lets her.

One of the men asked her for some crackers. Jasmin looks him in the eyes. Magic. As soon as she utters the word, the crackers are there in her hand. You want some too, she asks the other man. Magic. And they're there.

She does the round of the cafe. For Phyllis, she conjures up a silk scarf. She produces a coin from out of Sal Jr.'s nose. Two eggs from the Indian's ears.

She stops in front of Brenda and stands there for a moment. Magic, she whispers, and hands her a red rose.

[END PLAYBACK]

**SPEAKER 2:** That's sweet, isn't it? So now Brenda and Jasmin are finally together. And this is where I thought the movie really took off, reaching higher and higher levels of good feeling without becoming maudlin or sentimental.

The way that the director does this is by balancing the essential sweetness of Brenda and Jasmin and the other characters with their eccentricities, and it's these eccentricities that keep *Baghdad Cafe* from sinking to the mawkishness of a *Cocoon* or a *Three Men and a Baby*.

Brenda, Jasmin, and the rest of the crew are certainly lovable, but they sure are weird, didn't she think so?

**SPEAKER 3:** I thought they were really strange. But to watch the transition in the personalities as the movie went, I was just-- it was fascinating. It really was.

**SPEAKER 2:** He did a really good job with the characterization. Another thing that I really liked about it was the cinematography. There were some very interesting colors and color filters and points of view. The cinematographer for the film was Bernd Heinl.

**SPEAKER 3:** Yeah. I'm not familiar with Heinl at all, but it really, it was fantastic.

**SPEAKER 2:** Right. So this is a good movie. It's at the River Oaks Theater, and it will be playing, I believe, for at least another week, so definitely go out and see it. And we're going to be hearing a little bit of the theme song from *Baghdad Cafe*, if we're lucky once again. And the song is by Jevetta Steele, and it's called "Calling You."

And it doesn't look like we're going to-- it doesn't look like we're going to hear it. So coming up next is Bruce with the *Homophobia Report* on *After Hours*.

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**BRUCE:** And this week, we have several items. We've got a couple of housecleaning things to do since we haven't heard the *Homophobia Report* in the last couple of weeks. First, we have the first positive federal legislation to address violence against lesbians, gay men, racial, ethnic, and religious minorities was stalled in the US Senate because of threats by Senator Jesse Helms, Republican from North Carolina, to introduce sweeping anti-gay amendments. The Hate Crime Statistics Act, which would require federal data collection on crimes motivated by prejudice against gay people and other minorities was never brought to the Senate floor, despite vigorous lobbying by a coalition of over 50 groups led by NG LTF.

Also, in the ending days of sessions, our dear sweet president Mr. Reagan led the first major AIDS funding bill that was passed in this country since AIDS became a problem in this country, veto itself through the pocket veto. This basically means the bill falls through the cracks and will have to be introduced again in the next session of the legislature because anything that's vetoed once the Congress leaves the session for the year, it falls through the cracks.

In a somewhat interesting article in today's *Chronicle*, a Florida couple, heterosexual, is challenging a name law there. And although it's not directly applicable to us, it follows the same lines because a lot of us like to change our names periodically when we get involved in heavy relationships. But when Joseph Sexton and Beth Ann Fie were married, they promised to love, honor, and respect each other, but the respect part of the vow, which they agreed to seal by sharing surnames, has not been easy to fulfill.

The University of Florida law students are challenging the State Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles for not allowing him to combine his surname with hers on his driver's license. Basically, what my wife could do for free, I would have to go out and hire an attorney to do, Sexton said, and that's what struck me as wrong with the whole system. And folks, it's wrong with the whole system all the way around.

Last but not least, in Reno, Nevada, the state will begin sending notices to the news media whenever a prostitute in one of Nevada's legal brothels test positive for the AIDS virus, gonorrhea, or syphilis. The policy was approved by the State Board of Health in an effort to alert people who have been infected so they can seek treatment. The notices will include the name and location of the brothel and the days during which a customer could have been exposed.

Prostitutes in Nevada's three dozen brothels have been tested weekly for AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases for about two years. None has tested positive for the AIDS virus. And that's the *Homophobia Report* this week on *After Hours*, and I'm Bruce.

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**SPEAKER 4:** Over the next few weeks, we're going to be developing *After Hours* bringing in more local news and regular features, and hopefully some carts that work. But in order to do this, we need your help. Specifically, we're looking for people who are interested in gathering local news, as well as anyone who would like to present a regular series on health and fitness for the lesbian and gay community.

Also, if you're involved in art, music, literature or anything creative, be sure to let us know. If you want to join us, call the *After Hours* hotline at 529-4636. You've been listening to *After Hours*, our broadcast engineer Mike Ford, and our correspondents this week were Kay, Judy, Bruce Reeves, and Rob Hess.

And we all hope to see you at tomorrow's Celebration of Life Rally on the steps of City Hall at 6:00 PM. If you're still not sure if you want to go, why don't you listen to this song? Maybe it'll convince you that you should. By the Kane Gang, this is "What Time Is It?"

[MUSIC PLAYING]

**SPEAKER 5:** And we want to give you tickets to *Baghdad Cafe*. You heard the review right here on *After Hours*. So give us a call. If you're the 10th caller at 526-4000, we'll give you a couple of passes to the River Oaks Theater to go see the *Baghdad Cafe*. Call that now. 526-4000. Caller number 10.

What are we doing?

**SPEAKER 3:** I'm not sure what we're doing. We're giving away some kind of passes to something.

**SPEAKER 5:** With *Baghdad Cafe*. You saw it?

**SPEAKER 3:** Wonderful movie.

**SPEAKER 5:** *Baghdad Cafe*. 526-4000. The 10th caller. That's the number to call.

**SPEAKER 3:** It's worth seeing twice. Buddy.

**SPEAKER 5:** Oh.

**SPEAKER 3:** Ouch.

**SPEAKER 5:** 526-4000. Caller number 10. What does that mean? Line number two is the winner? I'm supposed to answer line number two. OK.

[CHEERING]

Sunday, November 27, beginning at 6:00 PM on the steps of City Hall in downtown Houston, you're invited to a Celebration of Life Rally. To commemorate the 10th anniversary of the assassination of Harvey Milk, the gay and lesbian community and their supporters will come together to celebrate life on the steps of City Hall in downtown Houston.

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Entertainment will be provided by Heart Song, the Montrose Singers, MCCR Choir, and a variety of singers, poets, and speakers. Special guest speaker will be supervisor Harry Brick from the city of San Francisco.

The Celebration of Life Rally, broadcast live over KPFT, beginning at 6:00 PM this Sunday. Join us on the steps of City Hall, and help us as we remember the life, love, and courage of Harvey Milk. The Celebration of Life Rally live from downtown Houston, Sunday at 6:00 PM. Right here, KPFT, where you here what you've been missing.

What's wrong?

**SPEAKER 6:** Well, we got to get so many times.

**SPEAKER 2:** Some radio stations have to pay thousands of dollars, which means it'll do that.

**SPEAKER 5:** It was stuck.

**KAY:** Uh-huh.

**SPEAKER 5:** Hey, we had a guy call that said that he won the Harvey Milk book a couple of--

**SPEAKER 2:** Weeks ago?

**SPEAKER 5:** Weeks ago. And he was telling me-- he's straight by the way-- do you remember the night we did that, Jimmy?

**SPEAKER 6:** Sure do.

**SPEAKER 5:** Who was on the show? I can't remember. Frank?

**SPEAKER 6:** That was the night TJRA was here, I think.

**SPEAKER 5:** Huh?

**SPEAKER 6:** Was that the TJRA night?

**SPEAKER 5:** Oh, I don't remember. I think it was the night Frank was here because I was sitting in there.

**SPEAKER 6:** Oh, OK. That-- yeah.

**SPEAKER 5:** But he said he was our only straight listener. I don't believe that.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

Because we got a lot of letters from straight folks that support us, and I appreciate that. But I do appreciate his call. He said that he had read the times of Harvey Milk, *The Mayor of Castro Street*, and that he was very moved by it. And I asked him if he was coming to the rally today and he said he would be listening on KPFT, but he didn't know if he would get down to City Hall. It's going to be broadcast live, of course.

What can we do now?

**SPEAKER 6:** Sing.

**SPEAKER 7:** Sing? Well, think of something quick.

[LAUGHTER]

**SPEAKER 5:** We could play a song. We have a winner of the-- we have a winner for the tickets to the River Oaks theater. Rhonda? Is that right?

**SPEAKER 6:** That's right.

**SPEAKER 5:** Rhonda, pick those passes up, and she'll be going to see *Baghdad Cafe* at the River Oaks. And we want to say thanks, Rhonda, for calling and winning and listening, and hope to see you at City Hall this afternoon. We should play this, if I can find the right one.

This is Cindy Freedman, a young woman that is going to be helping emcee the rally this afternoon, and she's going to sing for us now a song from her latest cassette album-- I don't know if it's on an album or not, but I do know the cassette's available. And she's also going to sing this song at the rally today. It's called "We Are All One Planet."

[MUSIC PLAYING]

Cindy Friedman from the album *Gift Of Love* and "We Are All One Planet." What do you guys think about that?

**SPEAKER 6:** It was great.

**SPEAKER 3:** Something to come to the rally for.

**SPEAKER 5:** Oh, she's going to be emceeing with me this afternoon, and she's singing that along with a couple of other things. So it should be wonderful.

**SPEAKER 6:** Guaranteed

**SPEAKER 3:** OK. Can't argue with that.

**SPEAKER 6:** Sure you can.

**SPEAKER 5:** Well, you could, but we'd censor it. We don't want to hear any arguments.

[LAUGHTER]

What do we want to hear? 526-4000, if you have something to say. 526-4000, that's the number to call.

**KAY:** I have some--

[LAUGHTER]

**SPEAKER 6:** You're turning around that way?

**SPEAKER 5:** What was that all about?

**SPEAKER 6:** John lost his zipper.

**SPEAKER 5:** John lost his zipper and he's turning around facing me?

**SPEAKER 6:** He turned around to you zip it up, and I thought--

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

**SPEAKER 5:** I know. Ain't that funny? 526-4000. That is the number to call. While they lay that egg in there--

**KAY:** I'm telling you.

**SPEAKER 5:** I didn't see anything. I wish I had, but-- what? Bye. OK.

**KAY:** Down boy.

**SPEAKER 5:** This lull has calmed.

**SPEAKER 6:** Can I say something?

**SPEAKER 5:** What.

**SPEAKER 6:** Tim picked the sofa.

**SPEAKER 3:** OK.

**SPEAKER 5:** What's that mean?

**SPEAKER 7:** I picked the water bed.

[LAUGHTER]

**SPEAKER 5:** Is that somebody waiting for us on one? KPFT.

**CALLER:** Yeah. I was interested in finding out some information on joining some of the support groups for the AIDS awareness and the gay awareness. I'm just coming out, and I've only been out of the closet probably about two weeks.

**SPEAKER 5:** Kay?

**CALLER:** And I'm very interested in joining it.

**SPEAKER 5:** Can you handle that Kay?

**KAY:** I can handle that. AIDS awareness kinds of support groups?

**CALLER:** Mm-hmm.

**KAY:** Are you talking like political activism?

**CALLER:** Yes.

**KAY:** OK the ACT UP group, which is the one sponsoring the die-in on Thursday is a real good choice. And I just threw away their phone number.

**SPEAKER 6:** Michael's phone number, who's the male co-chair, is 528-0100. There's not a meeting scheduled, but as soon as we have one scheduled, we'll be announcing it here on *After Hours*.

**KAY:** Yeah.

**CALLER:** OK.

**SPEAKER 5:** Listen, thanks for calling.

**CALLER:** OK, thank you.

**SPEAKER 5:** Sure.

**KAY:** Bye, bye.

**SPEAKER 5:** And of course, you can always call the gay and lesbian switchboard.

**SPEAKER 6:** And that number is--

**KAY:** 529-3211

**SPEAKER 5:** Yeah. Since I don't work for HPD, I don't give the wrong number anymore.

**SPEAKER 7:** Thank goodness.

**SPEAKER 5:** That's true. *After Hours* on KPFT. It's gay radio-- gay and lesbian radio.

**KAY:** Thank you.

**SPEAKER 5:** You're welcome. Celebrating life from the Heart of the Montrose.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

And we want you to come out this afternoon and show us your true colors, ladies and gentlemen. Someone said that was what GLSA they used on campus during National Coming Out Day. Is that right, John?

**SPEAKER 6:** Sure was.

**SPEAKER 5:** Anyway. 526-4000, that's the number to call. We're just kind of, like, laid back because I'm ready to go home and go to bed.

**KAY:** You're never ready to go home. You're always ready to go to bed.

**SPEAKER 5:** Usually I go out. No, because I'd just give us something else to fight about.

[LAUGHTER]

I usually go out after the show, but I'm so excited about the rally.

**KAY:** I know. What are you going to do? It's going to be such a letdown when it's over.

**SPEAKER 6:** He'll find something else.

**KAY:** That's true.

**SPEAKER 5:** I don't know. Talked to my grandmother yesterday.

**KAY:** And?

**SPEAKER 5:** She wanted a scanner.

**KAY:** A scanner?

**SPEAKER 5:** Can you believe that? Out of all the things your 80-year-old grandma would want-- we haven't talked in probably two years.

**KAY:** I hope when I'm 80 years old, if I want something, I can get it.

**SPEAKER 5:** And I wanted to talk to my mother, but I didn't want to call my mama, so I called my grandmother.

**KAY:** Sounds wonderful.

**SPEAKER 5:** She just sold her house, her home place, and it's got all the family hacked off at her. And while we were talking, I said, well, what are you going to do with the money when you cash the check? She said, the first thing I'm going to do is buy a police scanner. I thought, how bizarre. Why in the world would she want to listen--

But anyway, she sits up there all by herself, and I said Granny, guess what? I have one sitting here on my stereo that I don't listen to anymore because I quit the police department three months ago, and it hasn't been turned on in probably a year. And since we haven't spoken in probably a year or two, she was kind of excited to hear that her oldest grandson was sending her a scanner.

**KAY:** I think that's wonderful.

**SPEAKER 5:** So God knows why we're talking about that.

**KAY:** You just never know what's going to come up.

**SPEAKER 5:** That's true. It's kind of called life.

**KAY:** Yeah.

**SPEAKER 5:** I wish I could reach out and put my arms around you and let you know how much we love you, and let you realize that we really do mean what we say when we tell you that there are a lot of people out there that will support you in the struggle called life as you take that next step and admit to yourself and the world just who and what you are. Don't be afraid, baby. It's OK. And we'll see you at City Hall, 6 o'clock this afternoon.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

Let's see. I don't go to the bars, or the baths or the bookstores, and the police don't harass me. What other the reasons can we think of for not coming out?

**SPEAKER 2:** For not coming out?

**SPEAKER 5:** Yeah, for not coming out. For just continue--

**SPEAKER 2:** Yeah, my parents--

**KAY:** Mother's going to die.

**SPEAKER 5:** My mother and dad are going to die.

**SPEAKER 7:** They'll love me forever if I'm not gay.

**SPEAKER 5:** They'll love me forever if I'm not guy.

**SPEAKER 6:** My friends would hate me.

**SPEAKER 5:** My friends will hate me.

**KAY:** What kind of example am I to my little brother?

**SPEAKER 5:** Yeah.

**SPEAKER 7:** Or my kids.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

**SPEAKER 5:** You will never have any children. That's a good one. My parents always threw that one at me.

**SPEAKER 2:** I have some wonderful input for this discussion.

**SPEAKER 5:** What's that, baby?

**SPEAKER 2:** Judy and I were watching *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer* tonight.

**SPEAKER 5:** Uh-huh.

**SPEAKER 2:** And Rudolph and the dentist, of course, are the misfits in the show. Of course, I thought it was kind of cute that the two male characters go off, like, hand in hand, sort of--

**SPEAKER 5:** Together.

**KAY:** Hand in hoof.

**SPEAKER 2:** Hand in hoof. Something like that. But the misfits and the people that don't fit in in normal society, which God knows, I think we're all as normal as anybody else out there, we all make our own input in our own difference to the world because, like it's been said so many times, if we stop the world and took every gay or lesbian person off the world, where would you get your haircut tomorrow?

**SPEAKER 5:** That's true.

**SPEAKER 2:** Who would you see on television today?

**SPEAKER 5:** KPFT, you're on the air.

**CALLER:** Oh, yes. My name is Craig Thomson and I'm calling from 12 Oaks Hospital. And I've been listening to you all every weekend. I've been in the hospital now for six weeks. And I'm dying of AIDS. I am gay, and yesterday I came out to my parents with them in the room. And what I was wanting to say is try and-- I wanted to try and at least get to a few people out there that haven't come out to their parents, or to their loved ones, or to their workers.

If you can do it, do it. And let them know that you're still their son, or their friend, or their loved one, and that you haven't changed, and that you'll never change. And just hopefully, that your family will not do like they did to me, just write them off. And just try and get to everyone that you can and come out and say that you're happy, and you're strong, and you're going to live your life any way that you want to, no matter if they will be with you.

And I also want to say my mom and daddy that I still love them, even though they don't love me.

**SPEAKER 2:** Thanks for calling, baby.

**SPEAKER 5:** Have a good night, baby.

**KAY:** Thank you.

[EXHALE]

**SPEAKER 6:** You know, that happens so many times in our community, but so many times too, just the opposite happens. I have so many friends that I think-- you know, no one knows that I'm gay. And to not know that some of these people are gay would-- yeah, there's no way. It's impossible.

And you know, I'm sorry, but if I come out to someone, or if someone finds out that I'm gay and it changes my relationship and they're not my friend anymore, they never were my friend, because I'm the same person. And of course, I'm out everywhere, and everybody in the world knows, and it's like I don't care. And when somebody new walks up at the office, they usually five minutes after they walk through the door. There's this wonderful grapevine that happens.

And I love it because it's just wonderful. I don't have to worry about anything anymore. And it's so nice to be really out.

**SPEAKER 5:** You know, every week we say celebration of life, and I saw Bruce Cook today, who's the president of the People with AIDS Coalition, and I wish they would change the name of that group to the People Living with AIDS Coalition, because if you want to see some real fighters, go to an AIDS function or a PWA function, and you'll see some people that are really struggling.

I always thought, growing up, that I would get to spend my elder years with my friends sitting on the porch, laughing about life, and chasing young boys around the house or something.

[LAUGHTER]

It's not exactly turning out that way because I've seen so many of them die. And tomorrow, today, we're having a Celebration of Life Rally at City Hall. It's going to be for Harvey Milk because Harvey gave so much and was never really accepted by the gay leadership.

It's going to be for the 600,000 plus gay men that died in the Nazi death camps along with the Jews and the Blacks and the Gypsies. It'll be for Lyle Cantrell, a young man that I met when I moved to Omaha, Nebraska in the late '70s who, after his family found out he was gay and kicked him out of the house, and after losing his job, he drove out into a field all alone, put a gun to his head, and blew his brains out.

It'll be for Larry, that's listened to us for the last year, afraid someone would hear, and then have enough courage to call and say, I want to do what I can and get up and speak. And it'll be for you as you call from a hospital room, feeling somewhat, I'm sure, alone because the mother that gave you birth has decided to turn her back on you.

We're celebrating life. Ed Meese, and Ronald Reagan, and all those people can continue to ignore us, but we're not going to go away. I've had a group of young people helping this weekend from the GLSA, the Gay, Lesbian Students Association at University of Houston, and these young folks are fighters.

I'm glad that you have denied them the opportunity as adults to go into clubs and buy drinks and dance with each other because they're out doing things like this. They're involved in their lives, and they vote, and they're fed up with the garbage that you put out in your little legislation, the little laws that you pass. And one of these days, one of these young folks will probably be sitting in your chair in Washington or Austin or City Hall in downtown Houston, and they will be running the show.

Harvey Milk said one time that he had a group of friends that had gathered, and they said, this system stinks. We just need to go down and burn down City Hall and start all over. And Harvey said, you're right. The system does stink. But they have more bombs than we have.

He said as he looked around the room, what if you were the mayor, and you were the chief of police, and you, and you, and you were on the board of supervisors? And they said, oh, would be great. And Harvey said, well, you just said the system stinks. It's not the system that stinks. It's the people that are running the system that stink.

If you like being beat up by thugs, if you like being lied to by good Christian people, if you like having your family turn their back on you as you lie in a hospital bed facing death-- and that's not as scary as it seems because we all face death every day, but it must be a hell of a note to be lying in a hospital room and have your mother and dad walk out on you.

If you like being treated like garbage, stay at home, don't vote, don't get involved. And when you can't turn your radio on and hear this program, don't look for me or Bruce or Judy or Roger or Jim or Kay or John or any of these other folks from GLSA because we won't be here. They will have legislated us to death. And I for one am not going back into anyone's closet, and I cannot understand-- well, I can understand because I did it for 30 years.

[EXHALE]

Oh, well. Come to the rally this afternoon. You're going to hear some beautiful words, especially from Ray Hill. I would like to see Ray Hill as the honorary male whatever it is of the parade this year. I don't think that's going to happen, but I'd really like to see that.

**KAY:** Start campaigning.

**SPEAKER 5:** Because it's the 20th anniversary of Stonewall. I can't think of anyone who has done more for gay and lesbian issues in Houston than Ray Hill. And Ray was sick yesterday. He had a cold, and his mother was feeding him chicken soup and getting him ready for the rally tomorrow. But sick or not, Ray Hill will be there, as well Harry Brett.

And it's funny. When we'd asked Harry to come to Houston, I didn't think he would come. I mean, my god, he's sat in Harvey Milk's chair for 10 years. He was just reelected to the board this time as president of the Board of Supervisors. Why would he want to come to Houston? Especially to a rally that has no support of the community?

One reason that is is because you don't know if you pick up copies of a little bar rag called *This Week in Texas* because they won't publish much about it, but they don't publish much about much of anything, unless you're related to a bar. And I can't understand that, but there are bars that won't support the gay and lesbian movement either. They're too busy running bars.

And they can't seem to understand, if they would just support what's going on, then all of you would realize how wonderful it is to come out, the streets would be full and they'd have all the customers they need. They would probably have to expand and build on and add on. I don't know. It's very discouraging. It really is.

I'm very tired this morning, but the rally is going to be for me, and for Bruce, and for all of those listening that can't be there because you're in hospital beds.

When I say that we love you, we really mean that. I think you believe that. Life is not a bowl of cherries-- how does that go?

[LAUGHTER]

It's really the pits, or something?

**KAY:** Something like that.

**SPEAKER 5:** I don't know. I just want to go home.

**SPEAKER 6:** Well, it's almost time.

**KAY:** Almost.

**SPEAKER 5:** Is it? Should we play--

**SPEAKER 6:** Let's hear some more Harvey.

**SPEAKER 5:** Should we listen to Harvey Milk?

**SPEAKER 6:** Let's listen to Harvey.

**SPEAKER 5:** You want to?

**SPEAKER 7:** While Buddy looks for Harvey--

**KAY:** Definitely. Harvey is around, though.

**SPEAKER 7:** It's important for all of us to come out, and it's important-- if there's any way you can, come to the rally tomorrow. If you have to put a paper bag on in your head, come to the rally.

**SPEAKER 5:** Or stand across the street.

**SPEAKER 7:** Really.

**SPEAKER 5:** Just get out. Get involved.

[AUDIO PLAYBACK]

**SPEAKER 8:** Did I tell you what the gay movement's about? After I got elected, I got the phone call I knew I would eventually get. 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. And 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.

I'm Harvey Milk. I'm a supervisor in San Francisco.

**GREG GORDON:** And I'm Greg Gordon for *I Am, Are You?*

**HARVEY MILK:** And I'm gay.

**GREG GORDON:** And so am I. And we're up in San Francisco in Harvey's office at Castro Camera, and Harvey's graciously taken a few minutes out of his very busy schedule to talk to us about politics in San Francisco, and how he got elected-- the first openly gay person to be elected to public office in California history.

**SPEAKER 8:** As president of the board-- 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.

[YELLING]

**SPEAKER 9:** On November 27, 1978, San Francisco's mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk were assassinated in City Hall. Harvey Milk had served only 11 months on San Francisco's board of supervisors, but he had already come to represent something far greater than his office.

A year before he was gunned down, Harvey Milk tape recorded a will.

**HARVEY MILK:** This is to be played only in the event of my death by assassination. I fully realize that a person who stands for what I stand for, an activist, gay activist, becomes the target or the potential target for somebody who is insecure, terrified, afraid, or very disturbed themselves. Knowing that I could be assassinated at any moment, at any time, I feel it's important that some people know my thoughts.

I stood for more than just a candidate. I have never considered myself a candidate. I have always considered myself part of a movement, part of the candidacy. I wish I had time to explain everything I did. Almost everything was done in the eyes of the gay movement.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

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

**SPEAKER 10:** Harvey, do you have a few words for KPFA?

**HARVEY MILK:** Come on out. Join us. Bring your friends.

**SPEAKER 10:** What do you think about the turnout so far?

**HARVEY MILK:** Well, it's never enough. Never enough. Never enough.

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

[CHEERING]

[END PLAYBACK]

**SPEAKER 5:** Oh, now can we go home?

**KAY:** Yes!

**SPEAKER 5:** Good. Hey, come down and see us City Hall this afternoon. It's going to be beautiful. That's all I can tell you.

**SPEAKER 7:** Bring a candle.

**SPEAKER 5:** Yeah, bring a candle and a lawn chair so you have something to sit in. The rally starts at 6 o'clock, and it's going to be great. If you want to come a little early, come on down. You can be the next contestant. In this wild bizarre-

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Stay tuned tonight. Dr. D is out. DJ-- oh, DJ is doing a special blues program, sitting in for Dr. D.

**SPEAKER 6:** All, right!

**SPEAKER 5:** He is on vacation. And he'll be back next week, and so will we. So come see us at City Hall. We'll see you next time on *After Hours*.

**SPEAKER 6:** Bye.

**SPEAKER 7:** KPFT.

**SPEAKER 5:** I love you.

[MUSIC PLAYING]