

**SPEAKER:** I'm still here. I'm still breathing. Well, listen, hang on.

**SPEAKER:** OK.

**SPEAKER:** Whoa, you'll win. Something we'll find something. Hang on. Get into my bag of tricks and send him something.

**SPEAKER:** Hey.

**SPEAKER:** It's on! I know. I started it. Then I stopped it.

**SPEAKER:** No, no, no, that's fine. We'll get out of here. Let's go take a break, Jimbo.

**JIMMY:** OK.

**SPEAKER:** 526-4000. Listen to this.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

(SINGING) I want to sit down. Priscilla, please understand what I'm trying to tell you.

**MIKE:** OK, good morning. And welcome to the news. My name is Mike Leone. And I'm here with Kevin, Kevin Harrell. Kevin, turn your mic on.

**KEVIN:** Kevin Harrell.

**MIKE:** OK, and what we're going to be doing, this is a new segment on *After Hours*. We're taking over the news. And we're going to be basically reading stuff from the *Montrose Voice*, and from *This Week In Texas*, better known as TWIT. And as the weeks go on, we may get a little more professional, or a little more fancy, let's say.

But for right now, we're just going to read things. And we do want you to know that we are reading things from the *TWIT* and the *Montrose Voice*. So Kevin's going to start off with the first story. And give me that other copy of the newspaper. Thank you. Flop, flop, flop. OK, go ahead.

**KEVIN:** In San Francisco, Mayor Art Agnos signed into law legislation establishing domestic partnerships for non-married couples, such as gay men and lesbians, who live together in intimate and committed relationships. The mayor called the proposal, which had been passed unanimously by the board supervisors, "landmark legislation."

He said the plan provided an important milestone in efforts to adopt policies to recognize the diversity of families, and to extend to all people in our city, the human right of our own choice. Domestic partnerships could be formed by two unrelated people over 18 who sign a declaration provided by the county clerk, agreeing to share basic living expenses. The partnership could be dissolved later by filing red notices.

Under the plan signed by the mayor last Monday, San Francisco's estimated 100,000 gay men and lesbians, as well as unmarried heterosexual couples who live in intimate and committed relationships, will be granted official status that prohibits discrimination. Harry Britt, the supervisor who spearheaded the effort to pass the measure, said, "we are not extending the benefits of marriage.

We cannot do that for heterosexual or gay couples. But we can make sure they are treated fairly." the measure immediately gives unmarried lovers living together some of the same rights as married couples, such as hospital and jail visitation rights.

The mayor now will also appoint a task force that will develop a plan within three months on how to best extend health insurance benefits to gays and lesbians, and other unmarried partners of city employees, equal to those given spouses. "If people love each other, the government should not impose value judgments," Britt said.

**MIKE:** OK, OK, thank you, Kevin. OK, the lawyer for a sailor who was investigated after an explosion aboard the battleship, Iowa, said last Friday, a week ago, his client has been cleared of any wrongdoing in the April blast that killed 47 people. The Navy said its investigation is continuing. Ellis Rubin, representing gunner's mate, Kendall Truitt, 21, said he has, quote, "a lot of information about the investigation of the April 19 explosion."

But Rubin declined to detail his evidence, only citing news reports to support his contention that Truitt is no longer the subject of the investigation. "It's my information that he's going to be cleared," Rubin told a news conference, when asked if the Navy had told him that Rubin said no. "His name has finally been cleared," added Truitt's wife, Carol. And he's no longer being considered a murderer and a homosexual. She referred to reports that Truitt and another sailor aboard the Iowa had a, quote, "special relationship," that deteriorated when Truitt got married six months ago.

Truitt has denied a sexual relationship with his friend, and said that they were the subject of shipboard rumors simply because they did not drink and smoke like most other shipmates. Truitt had been mentioned in news reports, based on leaks from Pentagon sources, as possibly being involved in a murder or suicide plot with his friend, Clayton Hartwig, who died in the explosion. Hartwig had made Truitt the beneficiary of a \$100,000 life insurance policy.

The Navy is investigating a new angle to the theory that Hartwig may have committed suicide, CBS News and NBC News reported June the 2. A shipmate told investigators that Hartwig once purchased a, quote, "timing device" from a RadioShack store, and commented that he could use it to blow up the ship, CBS reported. But the shipmate refused to take a lie detector test, CBS said.

To prove suicide, investigators would have to find pieces of a timer, CBS noted. Little evidence exists because of the force of the blast and efforts to extinguish the subsequent fire. NBC also reported on a \$15 timing device available from RadioShack, and said Navy investigators believe Hartwig may have inserted a detonator between two bags of gunpowder.

Most of the bodies were found in defensive positions, heads covered with hands, and men hunched over, NBC reported, indicating the sailors had some warning of trouble, such as smoke, in the seconds before the explosion. Also, NBC, quoting unidentified Navy sources, said Hartwig wrote letters, quote, "about his death, and the destruction of the gun turret." NBC also said that after the blast, Truitt was overheard by two sailors as saying, "I can't believe he actually did it."

Truitt knew Hartwig was unstable, NBC reported. NBC N said Navy sources told the network that Hartwig may have had a death wish and lived in a fantasy world. Hartwig had told friends and relatives he was being reassigned to London. But NBC quoted Navy sources as saying no reassignment was planned. The Navy, meanwhile, said that despite continuing speculative media reports, its investigation is not over. This article was by David E. Anderson for the *Montrose Voice*. Kevin?

**KEVIN:**

Celebration of the Arts, an official event of Houston's Gay Lesbian Pride Week 1989 will be presented Wednesday, June 21 at the Venture Inn, 2923 South Main, 7:00 to 10:00 PM. The venture Inn becomes the Stonewall Inn, for a 20th anniversary celebration. An evening of arts and entertainment, a gallery of artwork, music, poetry, drama, joy, and love. Come dressed from the 60's to celebrate Stonewall, an event that will always be remembered.

Joe Waltz, director of the group theater workshop, is the director of entertainment for the evening. He has put together a wonderful array of special entertainment. And our very own Eleanor Munger, founder of the Omega House, will read poetry. And Ray Hill will perform as Walt Whitman. Musical performers will include Reg Brand, Teresa Monet, and Jerry Moran.

Several dramatic pieces written especially for the evening will be provided by Nancy Ford, who will also serve as emcee. Also performing during the art reception will be the Montrose Singers, performing a special surprise medley, the MCCR Choir and the brass quintet from the Lone Star Symphonic Band.

All in all, it should be an evening not to be missed. And the great part, it is free. There is no charge to the community. For more information, contact Joe Waltz at 522-2204.

**MIKE:**

Twice as many University of Texas students are infected with the AIDS virus than the number identified on other college campuses nationwide, a university health official said recently. According to a study released May 22nd by the American College Health Association, an estimated 2 in 1,000 students undergoing blood tests at selected college health centers carry the AIDS infection, a finding much higher than doctors expected.

But the number of UT students infected with HIV, the virus that causes Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, is twice as high. "We know had at least four out of 1,000, or about 0.4%," said Dr. Scott Spier of the UT Student Health Center. The UT rate almost matches the government's national estimate that 1.5 million, or about 0.4% to 0.6%, of the nation's population is infected with the virus.

UT was the only Texas university in the study, which included 16,861 student blood specimens from 19 universities. The year-long age study, conducted with a \$300,000 grant from the federal Centers for Disease Control, determined, quote, "roughly two students per 1,000 who seek medical attention in their student health centers, and who require blood samples as part of their treatment, are HIV positive."

HIV, or Human Immunodeficiency Virus, can lead to AIDS. But an estimated 60% to 70% of those infected never develop a full case of AIDS. And instead, many suffer age-related complex. Of the 16,861 blood samples, 30 tested positive for the AIDS virus, an overall rate of 0.2%, the study said. The rate at 10 schools was 0, while five reported 0.4% or higher, including UT.

Of the 30 testing positive, 28 were men. Spier said the fact that two women tested positive should be a warning to heterosexual students who feel safe because most people with the disease so far are gay men. So that's what's going on at the UT campus right now. And that article was also out of the *Montrose Voice*. OK, we're going to hear a few-- with the Community Bulletin Board. So, Kay?

[MUSIC PLAYING]

**KAY HARPER:** Hi, this is Kay Harper, with the Community Bulletin Board. The PWA Coalition has moved to the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, at 1475 West Gray. But their phone number hasn't changed. It's still 522-5428.

*I Am Annie Mae*, which is the musical history of Black community activist, Annie Mae Hunt, is currently playing at Stages. You might have heard about it on *Break Through* a couple of weeks ago. The AIDS Interfaith Coalition is having a fundraiser called Sweet Charity, which is a chocolate extravaganza. It's tonight, Sunday, at 6:30 at the Pavilion Saks Fifth Avenue.

Active Houston is having a guest speaker, Wayne McStay, in the Club Body Center, who will be speaking on health and fitness as it applies to AIDS. That's at 7:00, Thursday, July 15, at the Metropolitan Service Center. Pride Week events start on June 17. There are almost 30 official events.

To find out more about the Pride Week and the other things that are going on in our community, call the Gay and Lesbian Switchboard, at 529-3211, from 4:00 until midnight. And please go out and support the auction for the Switchboard, which is going to be at the BRB on Sunday, the 18th. This is Kay Harper with the Community Bulletin Board. Y'all take care.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

**SPEAKER:** If I could write a blues, a serious blues, like majority rule in South Africa--

**SPEAKER:** Each poem should be its own Coney Island of the mind, its own circus of the soul.

**SPEAKER:** The legacy, which has been left to us by struggling women from among our people, understand that--

**SPEAKER:** For 40 years, Pacifica has facilitated freedom of expression for people that would not otherwise be heard. In January 1960, a listener filed a complaint against KPFA for a broadcast of Lawrence Ferlinghetti's poetry. The FCC found the poetry vulgar, obscene, indecent, and in bad taste, with strong implications against religion, government, and the president. Thank you, Pacifica, for your 40-year commitment to freedom of speech against all odds.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

**MIKE:** OK, and now it's time for the information section of our program. There has been-- or rather, ongoing. There is a four part series in the pages of *TWIT* called Stonewall. It's a four part history feature, commemorating this June's 20th anniversary of the gay rights movement.

And it's written by historian Phil Johnson of Dallas. We're going to be censoring a little bit of this because of some of the language that appeared in it, quotations from people and stuff. But mostly, we'll be reading it pretty much intact. So I'll go ahead and-- no, Kevin, you go ahead and start.

**KEVIN:** All right.

**MIKE:** Up here.

**KEVIN:** Today, many people jokingly refer to the world's first gay riots as, "the hairpin drop heard around the world." They do so with no disrespect intended because this hairpin drop was the beginning of a revolution, in which a community said, we're not going to take this crap anymore.

This historic date, Friday, June 27, 1969, 20 years ago, when deputy inspector Seymour Pine, and seven officers from the Public Morals section of the First Division of the New York City Police Department, set out to close Stonewall, a tiny, insignificant gay bar in Greenwich Village. They expected it to be just another police raid. It turned out to be a fight, a fight that changed the lives of lesbians and gay men all over the world forever. In observance of the 20th anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion, this article, the first of a--

**MIKE:** Four part series.

**KEVIN:** Thank you-- is presented. Part two will follow next week, part 3 on June 16. And the final part will conclude the series on June 23.

**MIKE:** However, this article started-- this was in last Friday's *TWIT*, not yesterday's, but the previous Friday. So we're going to do two parts tonight. And then we'll have one part next week, and one more part the following week. Part one, which we're going to do right now, and then part two-- part one is called The Journey. In the beginning, there was homosexuality. It existed before there were people. Contrary to popular belief, homosexuality is common in nature.

Elaborate courtships and ongoing homosexual relationships have been observed among a variety of animals, all while in the presence of heterosexual opportunity.

**KEVIN:** In human history, men who love men and women who love women have existed in every age and culture in which there is record. According to professor Paul Brand of Leipzig University, the oldest written reference dates back 4,500 years. An Egyptian papyrus shows that homosexuality was widespread at that time, and was presumed to exist among the gods as a matter of course.

**MIKE:** In ancient cultures, homosexuals were often given positions of honor, performing political, religious, and medical functions. But with the advent of the Judeo-Christian culture, we have been burned at the stake-- hence the word, "faggot," beheaded, jailed, fined, blackmailed, murdered, disinherited, declared insane, and trapped, spat upon, castrated, psychoanalyzed, bashed, mutilated, and lobotomized.

**KEVIN:** We have been fined for our jobs.

**MIKE:** Fired.

**KEVIN:** Fired.

**MIKE:** This is hard to read because its written on gray paper-- printed on gray paper. Go ahead.

**KEVIN:** We have been fired from our jobs, kicked out of the Armed Services, despite having served our country well, and our children have been taken from us. But even worse, we have been taught to hate ourselves. This self-hatred was laid on us by people who hurt--

**MIKE:** Hurl.

**KEVIN:** Hurl scripture, as if it were a hand grenade. Read Leviticus? Zap, there I gotcha. But John Boswell, and his truly groundbreaking work, *Christianity, Social Tolerance, and Homosexuality*, writes that nothing in the Bible would have categorically precluded homosexual relationships among the early Christians.

**MIKE:** And don't hit me. In spite of misleading English translations which may imply the contrary, the word "homosexual" does not occur in the Bible. No extant text or manuscript, Hebrew, Greek, Syriac, or Aramaic, contains such a word. Considering the religious abuse we have suffered, it is truly remarkable, a miracle, if you will, that liberated homosexuals, those who are no longer filled with self-hatred, call themselves gay.

**KEVIN:** Gay, where did the term come from? Did we, as we've been accused by those Christians who love to hate, appropriate a perfectly good word for our own vile use?

**MIKE:** Lexicologists are not sure how the word "gay" came to be associated with homosexuals. But many believe that it comes from the 16th century French word, gaie, G-A-I-E-- significantly enough, the feminine form used to describe the male. Bigots hurled the word at us in hatred. But to their chagrin, we have made "gay" a word of pride. And that chaps them, or something like that. The

**KEVIN:** Journey from self-hatred to gay pride began on Thursday, August 29, 1867, with one man, Karl Heinrich Ulrichs. This man needed all the courage he could muster to appear before the Congress of German Jurists to publicly declare that same sex love was natural and should be decriminalized. His shocked listeners became so enraged that Ulrichs could not finish his speech.

**MIKE:** Ulrichs's numerous writings met with little success. And his efforts to interest homosexuals in their own liberation failed totally. Worn out by his single-handed struggle against impossible odds, the crusader retired to Italy, and died in 1895 a lonely recluse.

**KEVIN:** But the journey had not come to an end. Two years after Ulrichs's death, Magnus Hirschfeld formed the world's first gay organization, the Scientific Humanitarian Committee, and later the Institute for Sexual Science. In the 1920's, gay social organizations sprung up all over Europe. And all were quickly destroyed when the Nazis came to power.

**MIKE:** At 9:30 AM on the 6th of May, 1933, 100 military students and a brass band drew up in front of the Institute in Germany, then forced their way inside. Later joined by stormtroopers, they publicly burned thousands of scientific journals and books in Opera Square in Berlin. Fortunately, Hirschfeld was out of the country at the time.

**KEVIN:** Then came the Night of the Long Knives, in which 77 homosexuals were murdered. It was the beginning of the systematic imprisonment and extermination of homosexuals. Wearing pink triangles, our people joined Jews, Slavs, political prisoners, and the infirm, in what was intended to be the final solution. Up to a quarter of a million gays were murdered.

**MIKE:** America was hardly more tolerant of homosexuals. It was Thomas Jefferson who, in 1779, suggested that sodomites no longer be punished by death. Instead, a man was to be castrated. A woman was to have a hole cut in the cartilage of her nose, at least one half inch in diameter.

**KEVIN:** Despite death, mutilation, and imprisonment, America's first gay organization, the Chicago Society for Human Rights, began in 1924. The group, organized by Henry Gerber and a few friends, had a state charter, and even published a gay magazine, although no copies are known to exist today.

**MIKE:** While they had done nothing illegal, all the leaders were arrested. A quarter of a century would pass before gays would attempt to unite again. Let those who say, all that happened a long time ago, remember the Vatican letter of October 1986, which states that homosexuality is an intrinsic disorder and comes close to sanctioning gay bashing.

**KEVIN:** Let those who think we are beyond legislative setbacks remember that England was the first nation in recent times to decriminalize sex acts between consenting adults of the same sex, yet passed the infamous Clause 29 last year. Clause 29 forbids local government to do anything which might be interpreted as promoting homosexuality.

**MIKE:** Let those who didn't bother to march on Austin on April 30, 1989, remember the Hardwick case, in which the Supreme Court ruled that unlike heterosexuals, homosexuals have no right to privacy, even in their own homes. Let those who mourn at the quilt ask themselves how they voted, and what they've done, to get legislators to fund research for a cure for AIDS.

And now, part two, Gay Men and Lesbians at War, the roots of liberation. Fertilizer, an old Black drag queen now dead, once told this archivist, "Honey, if you want to know what it was like being gay in the old days, look around you today." She explained, men and women living in rural areas migrated to the big cities, hoping to find others like themselves. Like today, they were seeking friendship and love.

**KEVIN:** Such migration actually began with the Industrial Revolution and the development of big cities. Small gay groups settled in self-made ghettos for mutual support. Often, these communities centered around a gay bar. Gay historians believe that as long as there have been bars, there have been gay bars. In 18th century London, such bars were called Molly bars.

**MIKE:** To those who spoke disparagingly about the bar crowd, the ancient and worldly-wise Fertilizer would extend a broken wrist and say, "bleep." If it wasn't for the gay bars, you wouldn't be here today. In this, she was only partially correct. Besides the bars, gay men have always flocked to all-male environments. Thus, some historians believe that many buccaneers at sea for long periods of time without women were probably gay.

**KEVIN:** Gay men often worked in lumber camps, oil drilling camps, and probably rode on those long cattle drives up the Chisholm and Shawnee trails. And despite the military's long tradition of purging homosexual from its ranks, we've always been well-represented in the Armed Services, especially the Marines.

**MIKE:** World War II was a turning point in the lives of gay and lesbian Americans. Before December 7th, 1941, America was a sleepy agrarian nation, a nation whose citizens were shocked when Clark Gable said, "Frankly, my dear, I don't give a damn."

A nation whose citizens were most interested in *The Wizard of Oz* and the 1939 New York World's Fair-- were more interested in those things, than with the horror taking place overseas. Let Europe fight its own wars, we laughed, as we danced the *Big Apple*, and sang, "boop, boop didem, dadum, what um chu."

**KEVIN:** But in 1941, when the Japs bombed Pearl Harbor, the nation responded with a mobilization effort that created a massive migration, from the isolation of farms and family kitchens, to the war plants in the military. More than 15 million civilians, mostly women, moved across state lines, lured by high salary jobs in war plants. Rosie the Riveter was glamorized in newsreels, magazines, and newspapers.

**MIKE:** Learning new skills on war plant assembly lines allowed women to escape the restrictions of conventional roles. It also allowed women to meet other women, and for some, to discover their homosexuality. A national campaign encouraged women to join the Women's Army Corps, the Women Marines, and the Waves. Thousands of lesbians joined and invited their friends to enlist. So despite the military's frequent denials, lesbians made up a very large percentage of these service organizations.

**KEVIN:** At induction centers, psychiatric examiners tried to screen out homosexuals by asking, "Have you ever had homosexual feelings or experiences?" For many embryonic homosexuals, this was the first time that they had had to think of their lives in such terms. The psychiatric examiners, incredibly naive about such things, also looked for effeminacy in dress or manner.

**MIKE:** Bleep-- we have a big "bleep" there. World War II GI's had an expression, snafu, situation normal all fouled up. With such snafu examiners, more than 1.6 million gay men and lesbians lied about their sexuality so that they could illegally fight in their nation's defense. If a gay or lesbian serviceman was found out-- service person, I guess I should say, he or she must be humiliated before the company, court-martialed, and sentenced to prison, before being given a dishonorable discharge. He or she would also lose their GI benefits, and find it difficult to get a civilian job because of their service record.

**KEVIN:** As a result, gay and lesbian GI's found themselves fighting two wars, one to defend their country, the other to avoid military inquisition. In headquarter's companies, gay clerks were everywhere-- were sometimes able to sabotage purges by warning friends of impending investigations.

**MIKE:** But there was a war to be fought. And the nation needed every patriotic devoted soldier it could get. Therefore, the military usually looked the other way until the war was won. In town on three-day passes, it was easy for gay servicemen to meet others. They openly cruised each other in the anonymity of crowded bus and train stations, parks, beaches, showers, YMCA's and USO's.

**KEVIN:** They doubled up in hotel beds and went home with friendly strangers who offered them beer, food. Nobody can cook like a queen. Transportation and Shelter-- during World War II, the citadel of male gaydom was the YMCA. There, a service man in town on a three-day pass could find a clean and inexpensive room.

**MIKE:** It is important to keep in mind that wars are fought by healthy teenagers and young adults who are in the peak of their horny years. I think we can say that. After a refreshing shower, these men headed downtown, not to visit the splendid library or to attend the opera, but to look for a piece of "bleep," a wham, bam, thank you, ma'am, with no strings attached. These young men often returned to their rooms late at night, disappointed, broke, and still horny. But as the Village People would sing decades later, "you can always find a friend at the YMCA."



**KEVIN:** When the war was over, many lesbians and gay men could not, or would not, return the rustic America of the 1930's, an America where niggers and women knew their places, and where faggots were so deep in the closet as to be invisible to each other, and even to themselves.

**MIKE:** So having found themselves in a taste of freedom, many ex-GI stayed in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Manhattan, and Houston, rather than return home. In Los Angeles, gay people, many of them World War II veterans unwilling to return to the closet, formed the Mattachine Society and *One*. The Daughters of Bilitis and the Society for Individual Rights began in San Francisco.

**KEVIN:** Branches of Mattachine were established in Washington, DC, New York, Chicago, and Detroit. Dallas eventually had the Circle of Friends. None of these pioneer organizations dared to use the words gay or lesbian in their titles. That would occur after the Stonewall Rebellion. But the groundwork for this rebellion, celebrated all over the world yearly, began with the men and women soldiers, sailors, Marines, and war plant workers of World War II--good, patriotic, productive citizens who kicked down the closet door forever.

**MIKE:** OK, we're going to continue this series next week with the Rebellion at Stonewall, which will be part III of this series. That's really all for tonight. This series we're reading is written by historian Phil Johnson of Dallas, and is appearing in this month's issues of *TWIT* in commemoration of Gay Pride Week. For Kay Harper and Kevin Harrell, I want to thank you all for listening. And we'll be back next week with another installment of the news.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

**SPEAKER:** They've got to understand something. They've got to understand something. We are not talking about crush 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 politics. And I don't care about straight understanding. You better hear me in Washington. We are demanding our civil rights!

**SPEAKER:** (SINGING) With so many gay men. And so little time.

Give me a guy. Give me a guy. Give me a guy, who's glad to be gay.

And who has a lot of hair all over their body.

**SPEAKER:** Please, God told me to talk to you this morning.

**SPEAKER:** And what did he say?

**SPEAKER:** He said, hi, girl!

**SPEAKER:** We've got the original Hi, girl, right here.

**SPEAKER:** No, no, no, no, he said not to do that.

**SPEAKER:** Oh.

**SPEAKER:** 526-4000, that's the number to call. We want to hear from you. Should we play music, or get real serious?

**SPEAKER:** Oh.

**SPEAKER:** And that's the truth.

**SPEAKER:** What time is it? Can we go home yet?

**SPEAKER:** Not yet.

**SPEAKER:** It's just a job. 22 minutes until 4:00, it's just a job, radio-- volunteer radio, Pacifica. And we're talking about-- what are we talking about? The parade's in two weeks, two weeks from today?

**SPEAKER:** Two weeks, I can't believe it.

**SPEAKER:** And Marion Coleman's going to have her whip down there. Hi-ya!

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

**SPEAKER:** No drag queens.

**SPEAKER:** Kicking them drag queens out.

**SPEAKER:** We don't want any drag queens. We don't want any drag queens down there.

**SPEAKER:** No, no, no, lots of drag queens, but no drag queens with hairy chests.

**SPEAKER:** Oh, really?

**SPEAKER:** Yes.

**SPEAKER:** I have never worn a dress. But I think I'll wear one that Sunday.

**SPEAKER:** Oh, you'll be real cute. Please, child.

**SPEAKER:** She really means that, huh?

**SPEAKER:** Well, that's what the woman has said.

**SPEAKER:** She's a committee of one.

**SPEAKER:** That's almost a direct quote.

**SPEAKER:** She kind of liked Dung Ping, or what's his name? Dung Pong, or Ping Pong?

**SPEAKER:** I think you got it right the first time.

**SPEAKER:** The guy in China that's killing all those folks. Can you believe that, China?

**SPEAKER:** Well, it's going on now all over the world.

**SPEAKER:** It kind of puts things in perspective, you know? When you look at China, and you look at the Pride committee, there's not really a comparison, is there?

**SPEAKER:** I don't know. If someone called and said something about the Safeway store not advertising in the Pride Weekend Guide--

**SPEAKER:** There's--

**SPEAKER:** But, but, but, but, but, but, but, did those ads are almost twice as expensive as they were last year?

**SPEAKER:** What?

**SPEAKER:** I put the guy together last year.

**SPEAKER:** Really?

**SPEAKER:** Bruce and I did that. So I don't know. Maybe they had more expensive papers.

**SPEAKER:** Well, I don't quite understand it anyway. I mean, it's not like you're obligated to buy an ad.

**SPEAKER:** Hang on-- KPFT, hello? Hello? Yeah.

**SPEAKER:** Oh, there you are.

**SPEAKER:** What do you want, child?

**MICHAEL:** Well, I just wanted to call in. I'm sitting up here at the office typing a letter, couldn't sleep.

**SPEAKER:** Yeah.

**SPEAKER:** Hello, Michael.

**SPEAKER:** Where you at?

**MICHAEL:** Huh?

**SPEAKER:** Are you at Ray's office?

**MICHAEL:** Ray's office, yeah, I'm typing a letter.

**SPEAKER:** I thought she got thrown out of there because she's not working. Talk fast, Mary. Talk fast. Talk fast.

**MICHAEL:** He's in Washington, DC at the Cure Convention.

**SPEAKER:** Oh, OK, that explains it.

**MICHAEL:** I've got to run the board for his damn prison show tomorrow.

**SPEAKER:** So what's going on? What do you want?

**MICHAEL:** Well, I heard you talking about the Gay Lesbian Pride Poet Bureau. So I decided to call in and offer some choice gossip.

**SPEAKER:** Good.

**SPEAKER:** They're going to surround the square.

**MICHAEL:** Of course, you know that--

**SPEAKER:** They're going to surround the square with troops. Did you know that?

**MICHAEL:** Yes. Yes, Marion Coleman and Jim Owens will all surround the square with their troops. You know the atheist folk are going to be picketing the Awards Dinner.

**SPEAKER:** No kidding.

**SPEAKER:** Yeah.

**MICHAEL:** They're going to be picketing the Awards Dinner. They feel that Jim Owens is stepping way out of line.

**SPEAKER:** Well, I've always thought Jim Owens was out of line. But I don't know about this particular issue.

**MICHAEL:** And Marion Coleman is indeed going to have her whip at the beginning of the parade route. And if anybody doesn't wear, what was it, Spandex pants or whatever?

**SPEAKER:** Yes, OK.

**MICHAEL:** If you don't wear exactly what she wants, she will beat you to the point that you cannot walk in the parade.

**SPEAKER:** Goodness!

**MICHAEL:** Yep, she made a nice cute statement last meeting. She said, I know what the rules say about executive committees and all that. But the day of the parade, I won't be able to have any executive committees. So I will be the one to decide, in my 20 years of service in the gay community, that it's about that time that I wanted to hand out the barf bags.

**SPEAKER:** See, I told you that's what she said.

**SPEAKER:** I couldn't believe that.

**MICHAEL:** Well, at that time, I wanted to--

**SPEAKER:** Dung ping chong, dong, yung.

**MICHAEL:** Yeah, right.

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

**MICHAEL:** She's sharing some hints with Le Ping and Le Pong in China.

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

**MICHAEL:** But I just thought that would be kind of interesting.

**SPEAKER:** Thanks for calling.

**MICHAEL:** It's going to be a good parade in spite of her. I really think so.

**SPEAKER:** Well, have a good morning.

**SPEAKER:** Take care, baby. Type that letter.

**MICHAEL:** Goodbye.

**SPEAKER:** Bye, Mike.

**SPEAKER:** Thanks for calling.

**SPEAKER:** Mike is sweet.

**SPEAKER:** He is wonderful. He's getting that cable business together.

**SPEAKER:** Yeah, he sure is.

**SPEAKER:** So we can go on TV. Not we-- I'm not going to be on TV, child. Maybe my voice, I might do some voiceovers under-- voiceovers for him, but.

**SPEAKER:** I know.

**SPEAKER:** God, you have to shave when you're on TV.

**SPEAKER:** Yeah, you can be ugly and do what you--

**SPEAKER:** You don't even have to comb your hair. We're sitting here naked now. You'd have to wear clothes if you were on--

**SPEAKER:** Da, da, da, da, da, da.

**SPEAKER:** Da, da, da, da, da, da.

**SPEAKER:** Now, isn't that scary?

**SPEAKER:** Yeah.

**SPEAKER:** He's looking-- he's really serious about this. He's going to have another tryout because he's looking for some women.

**SPEAKER:** Really?

**SPEAKER:** Yeah, as co-anchors.

**SPEAKER:** It's 17 minutes until 4:00. Michael Callen and *We're Living in Wartime*. Figure it out, kids. 526-4000, 526-4000-- what's on your mind this morning?

[MUSIC PLAYING - MICHAEL CALLEN, "WE'RE LIVING IN WARTIME"]

**SPEAKER:** This is no time for doubting to stop and wonder why.

**SPEAKER:** This is a time for shouting, I don't believe the lies! One way or another, no one will be spared. Call out to my brothers. Doesn't anybody care?

**SPEAKER:** Doesn't anybody care, that's the question.

**SPEAKER:** Damn, I just can't believe that nobody wants to get involved. Why should we care so much?

**SPEAKER:** I don't know. That's a good question.

**SPEAKER:** Because it's my life. And I think it's worth.

**SPEAKER:** It's just a job.

**SPEAKER:** That's a personal joke. I've got a lot on my mind this morning. I'm tired. I'm tired of fighting and struggling so hard. And I'm tired of watching beautiful people like Bruce Cook be put away and never seen from again, never heard from again-- anyway.

**SPEAKER:** And I'm anxious about the 25th, of taking time to celebrate my gayness.

**SPEAKER:** Exactly.

**SPEAKER:** And march down Westheimer. And I don't care about a Marion, or a Jim, or anybody else.

**SPEAKER:** It's going to be a community.

**SPEAKER:** It's going to be all of us, as it always is.

**SPEAKER:** Hello?

**SPEAKER:** Hello?

**SPEAKER:** Yeah.

**SPEAKER:** Am I on the air?

**SPEAKER:** Yeah.

**SPEAKER:** Oh, hi, I'm 18. And I was wondering if there's any place people under 21 can go in Houston?

**SPEAKER:** You're asking me this on the air. Yes, actually, there's a teen group. And also, I believe Numbers and a couple of other clubs have teen nights. But if you want some information on that teen group, I'm going to ask you to call the Gay and Lesbian Switchboard. You have the number?

**SPEAKER:** Yeah, I do. But I've called them before. And they said basically to wait till I'm 21, and go to the bars.

**SPEAKER:** What?

**SPEAKER:** Ah, you talked to the wrong person.

**SPEAKER:** Have you called the Gay and Lesbian Switchboard at 529-3211?

**SPEAKER:** Yeah, it was a while back.

**SPEAKER:** Oh, OK, give them another chance here.

**SPEAKER:** OK.

**SPEAKER:** Well, you said it's been a while back. We haven't known about HATCH, this group, for a while. I don't have the information here. But you can get the information from them.

**SPEAKER:** OK.

**SPEAKER:** OK? And it's 4:00 to midnight, seven days a week.

**SPEAKER:** OK. OK?

**SPEAKER:** Thanks for calling.

**SPEAKER:** There's other things that the Switchboard can tell you about too, like softball on Sunday afternoons, roller skating on the first and third Tuesdays, that people under 21 can participate. There's a lot more to being gay than going to the bars.

**SPEAKER:** Oh, yeah.

**SPEAKER:** A lot of the bar owners don't believe that. But some of the bar owners do believe that, and support other things. But a lot of the bar owners don't. They just want you in there drinking, spending money in their businesses.

**SPEAKER:** Yeah, well, I'm out of town. And I just don't know where to go or anything.

**SPEAKER:** Well, don't worry. You won't be 18 forever. It goes by real fast. It's kind of scary.

**SPEAKER:** But there are lots of other options, other than bars.

**SPEAKER:** Call the Switchboard and give them a chance.

**SPEAKER:** OK.

**SPEAKER:** Thanks for listening. Bye, bye. 526-4000. We got about-- what do we got about, 15 minutes?

**SPEAKER:** No, we don't even have 15 minutes.

**SPEAKER:** No, we don't. I've got to--

**SPEAKER:** What have you got to?

**SPEAKER:** I've got a message from Gustina.

**SPEAKER:** Oh!

**SPEAKER:** It says, got to go. Say I love you, Charles Clark, from me.

**SPEAKER:** Oh.

**SPEAKER:** I wonder who Charles Clark is.

**SPEAKER:** I don't know.

**SPEAKER:** Well, Gustina loves you, Charles Clark, whoever you are, wherever you are. 526-4000, that's the number to call.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

**HARVEY MILK:** Somebody is 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 would taunt the child. And the Anita Bryant's and John Briggs are doing their bit on TV. And that child had 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. One option is to go to California. 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, you'll only gaze at those Blacks, and the Asians, disabled, seniors, the us's.

The us's, without hope, the us's 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, got to give them hope. Thank you very much.

**SPEAKER:** Several days ago, I came home from work after watching Speaker Wright get ready to give up his seat in Congress, to call Jimmy, and tell him that I wasn't going to do this anymore. And we said, a couple of weeks ago, that if we didn't get a lot of support, we weren't going to do this anymore. I wasn't going to be here because I'm tired, tired of having to get up and go to work every Sunday morning.

I'm tired of spending every nickel I make to buy records, and tapes, and a lot of the things that we need that we don't get funding for, when people like those who have money won't spend it to support anything that we're doing. I'm tired of putting together something as beautiful as a Celebration of Life rally down in front of City Hall, and then the community not coming out to see it.

I'm tired of watching gay men go to bars, and bathhouses, and bookstores, not because those places are bad, but because they go in alone, and carrying guilt. And they come out alone, carrying just as much guilt as they took in. There is a better way. It's called life. You're the only one that can choose how to live it.

The day that Bruce Cook died and I had called Jimmy, and was going to tell him I wasn't going to do this anymore, I went to see Ray Hill, who I just love to death and admire greatly. And I said, Ray, I can't do it anymore because I'm tired.

And he said, there's no way you can stop. You've gone too far. And Ray's right. We've gone too far to back up. There comes a time in your life when you decide that something is right and it has to continue.

Thousands of Chinese students lost their lives, wanting something that we all take for granted. And a lot of times, I come in here ranting, and raving, and raising hell, and complaining at you. But you're not the problem. And Ray told me to tell you that. Ray Hill said, be sure and tell you, that you're not the problem.

You're not the reason that we're tired. You're not the reason that we're exhausted because you're there. And you're doing something about your life. You may be 16, or 17, or 18 today. But you'll get older. And you'll register. And you'll vote. And you will change the world. We will watch you do a lot of the things that we couldn't do. We will watch you get involved in rallies, and parades, and organizations.



We will watch you support and fund medicine and universities, and teach young people how to care about each other. We will watch you change the world. So we wanted just to take just a second before we go, and remind you that you're not the problem. You're not the reason that we're so angry this morning, or that I'm so angry this morning.

And a lot of times, when we get down on what you may think is you, it's really not you. We're just getting down on ourselves because we're just little people with big hearts. And sometimes, I think we care too much. Sitting here looking at the board, it looks like a control panel for an airplane. And all I can see are green and yellow lights, flickering. Every time I say something, the lights jump up.

And a lot of times, it's all you see. Until you call or write, and let us know how much we mean to you, we feel lonely and tired, and helpless, and hopeless. But your letters and your calls get us through it. And as we approach the parade, Jimmy's right. We will march in the parade on June the 25th. And it will be beautiful.

And we will have one hell of a good time. If you want to march with us, you're more than welcome to do that. We did that last year. We had a lot of people from the station that marched with us. Some brought their kids. And then other listeners just called in and said, yeah, we want to march. If you want to march, call me at home, and say, yeah, I want to help out and do what I can in the parade.

And come down and march with us on the 25th. Get a pencil so I can give you the phone number, in just a second because I either want you to call us, or write us, or whatever. And let us hear from you because those are the things that get us through the day.

I also need a new job, if anybody knows of anybody hiring out there. I just need a job. I need to be off on Sundays. The phone number to call is 529-4636, or you can write us, After Hours KPFT, at 419 Lovett, Houston, Texas, 77006. Please let us hear from you. I also want to say hi to the guys at Huntsville and Ellis.

**SPEAKER:** Absolutely.

**SPEAKER:** All those places that you can't get out and march in the parade. I know you're listening. And we support you. And we're with you. We get letters from these guys.

**SPEAKER:** Yeah, we do, very moving letters. What should we say, Jimmy?

**SPEAKER:** I'm just tired. I really don't want this parade to come. I really don't because I feel so hopeless, and so helpless, and so--

**SPEAKER:** You can't live on-- Harvey just said it. You can't live on hope alone.

**SPEAKER:** I know.

**SPEAKER:** That's why you need to take time out, especially on the 25th, to march and be proud of what you are.

**SPEAKER:** That's what will happen.

**SPEAKER:** And don't forget the whole week before that, there's a lot of activities going on that, for the most part, are very lightly attended.

**SPEAKER:** Yeah.

**SPEAKER:** Some very nice groups doing fundraisers, or just having entertaining evenings.

**SPEAKER:** It'll be a lot of fun.

**SPEAKER:** And many of them, you don't have to be 21 to enjoy. But if you enjoy wild, rapid sex, and you have a lot of hair on your body--

**SPEAKER:** Here he goes again.

**SPEAKER:** We're gay. Sex is a big part of it.

**SPEAKER:** It is, but that's a big part of anybody's life, right?

**SPEAKER:** It's a big part of our life because it's illegal.

**SPEAKER:** We'll see you next week. Next week, right here on this radio station, Ray Hill is going to be with us.

**SPEAKER:** Oh, boy.

**SPEAKER:** So that'll be fun.

**SPEAKER:** The great pooh-ba.

**SPEAKER:** Stay tuned for Mannish Blues with Mojo coming up next. The great what?

**SPEAKER:** Poo-ba.

**SPEAKER:** We'll see you next week. I love you. Have a good week. And come march with us in the parade. It'll be great.

**SPEAKER:** Absolutely, yeah. Bye, bye.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

**SPEAKER:** 4:00 AM, good--