

- Westerners in a society are--
- These are gay and lesbian people singing out here. What's your reaction to that?
- I have a little boy. And I would hate for my little boy to be like that. Those are animals.
- I think it's terrible. If I had a rock, I'd throw it at them.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

- All the queers want equal rights.
- Why do you think this way?
- God made us to do it.
- Is your mother and father on that?
- They need help. Any person who is gay is sick.
- Hear the sounds of the waves brush up against the sand where he has written both of your names with a heart around it.
- You are looking at the sky burning red with the sunset. Quickly a car drives up alongside of you.
- You stop for a red light. Suddenly, the car is surrounded. They circle your blanket, coming in closer.
- Bottles are thrown out of car windows.
- The sound of glass breaking.
- Baseball bats against metal.
- A hand grabs your hair.
- Glass at your feet, in your face, in your eyes.
- A fist across your face again and again.
- Die queer!
- Kill them! Kill them! Kill them!
- Homophobia can kill. Education is the only lasting weapon against bigotry, which is why the Lesbian and Gay Public Awareness project wanted you to hear and think about this message. For more information, write us at Post Office Box 65603, Los Angeles, California 90065.
- Every Saturday night at midnight on *After Hours*, we play music.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

*After Hours*, every Saturday night at midnight right here on KPFT Houston 90.1 FM.

- Hi, this is Craig Washington reminding you that none of us are free until all of us are free. So keep listening to *After Hours* KPFT Houston 90.1 FM.

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- And so God being the charter member means that everybody who's in that has a kind of divinity, a kind of superiority. And think of what has happened in histories as a result of this perverted use of the drum major instinct. It led to the most tragic prejudice, the most tragic expressions of man's inhumanity to man. And not only does this thing go into the racial struggle, it goes into the struggle between nations.

And I would submit to you this morning that what is wrong in the world today is that the nations of the world are engaged in a bitter, colossal contest for supremacy. And if some doesn't happen to stop this trend, I'm sorely afraid that we won't be here to talk about Jesus Christ and about God and about brotherhood too many more years. If somebody doesn't bring it in to this suicidal thrust that we see in the world today, none of us are going to be around because somebody's is going to make the mistake through our senseless blunderings of dropping a nuclear bomb somewhere.

And then another one is going to drop. And don't let anybody fool you. This can happen within a matter of seconds. They have 20 megaton bombs in Russia right now that can destroy a city as big as New York in three seconds with everybody wiped away and every building. And we can do the same thing to Russia and China. But this is where we have drifted. And we are drifting there because nations are caught up with the drum major instinct.

"I must be first." "I must be supreme." "Our nation must rule the world." And I am sad to say that the nation in which we live is the supreme culprit. And I'm going to continue to say it to America because I love this country too much to see the drift that it has taken. God didn't call America to do what she's doing in the world now. God didn't call America to engage in a senseless unjust war as the war in Vietnam.

And we are criminals in that war. We've committed more war crimes almost than any nation in the world. And I'm going to continue to say it. And we won't stop it because of our pride and our arrogance as a nation. But God has a way of even putting nations in their place. The God that I worship has a way of saying, "Don't play with me." He has a way of saying as the God of the Old Testament used to say, "The Hebrews don't play with me. Don't play with me, Babylon. Be still and know that I'm God. If you don't stop your reckless course, I'll rise up and break the backbone of your power."

That can happen to America. Every now and then I go back and read Gibbon's *Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*. When I come and look at America, I say to myself, the parallels are frightening. We have perverted the drum major instinct.

- What do we want?

- Say it so they can hear you in the Capitol!

- For love and for life, we're not going back. For love and for life, we're not going back. For love and for life, we're not going back.

- For love and for life, we're not going back!

- I think that's Robin Tyler on the stage leading the chant, "For love or for life, we're not going back."

- Good afternoon, and welcome to the National March on Washington DC for gay and lesbian rights and choral reciting.

[CHEERING]

Let's hear it out there!

[CHEERING]

- I'm Leah Valeria.

- I'm Bruce Hopkins.

- I'm a dyke.

- I'm a faggot.

- And we're best friends!

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

- It's all right. You may all come out.

- 500,000 strong! Look at you--

[CHEERING]

500,000 strong, 500,000 strong. One of the largest marches in United States history. One of the largest marches in United States history, 500,000 strong.

- They've got to understand something. They've got to understand something. We are not talking about crotch 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 great tolerance. And I don't care about great understanding. You better me in Washington. We are demanding. We are demanding our civil rights.

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

- Come on out.

[LAUGHS]

Join us, bring a friend.

- 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.

[CHEERING]

As difficult as it is, you must tell your immediate family. You must tell your relatives. You must tell your friends, if indeed, they are your friends. You must tell your neighbors. You must tell the people you work with. You must tell the people in the stores you shop in.

[CHEERING]

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

[CHEERING]

- What do we want?

- Gay rights!

- When do we want it?

- Now!

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- When do we want it?

- Now!

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

[CHEERING]

- Well, no Allen this morning.

- No Allen.

- I just can't get in the mood for it because of what's going on.

- It's too serious. I want to laugh and joke. But it's too serious what's going on.

- Well, I don't want to talk about the war. And I don't want to talk about whether we're right or wrong. I just want to say this morning that as a member of the human race, I'm real disappointed, folks, because you'd think that we could do better than this. But obviously, we can't. So be it. But anyway, we're still here.

- And we're still queer.

- Thank God for that. I'm that faggot that works at the Houston Police Department.

- And I'm that faggot who doesn't work at all.

[CHUCKLES]

- And I hate you for it.

- Thank you.

[LAUGHTER]

- Anyway, the world is still spinning. And thank God they didn't cancel any of the football or basketball games.

- Oh, right.

- I mean, the war, it's just-- it's awful, isn't it?

- Yes, it is.

- But anyway, we've got *This Way Out* with Greg Gordon and Lucia Chappelle at 1:30. And we've got--

- The news with Frank White coming up at 1:10.

- Frank who?

- White.

- Oh, he'll be here.

- Yeah, he's queer, too.

- He is, thank God. I saw him the other day-- never mind. I can't tell that story. The FCC won't let me.

- I bet you can't.

- We've also got a speech from Martin Luther King that we're going to hear later on, celebrating his birthday at the 3:00 hour. And shortly, we're going to be talking to the new officers of the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus.

- Ta-ta-ta-ta-ta-da.

- And I'm glad to see them here.

- You bet.

- Did you know we tried to get them on here the very first program we did back in September 1987?

- These particular people?

- No, that caucus group.

- Oh, oh, oh.

[LAUGHTER]

- Well, it's a long story. It wasn't until Ray Hill got elected that they came to see us. But we're glad they're here. And I'm glad they're queer.

- Ta-da.

- And we are going to talk about the war and Martin Luther King. There's a lot of emotions tonight from everybody. So who knows what's going to happen? This is *After Hours* on 90.1 FM KPFT Houston.

- Radio celebrating life from the heart of Montrose.

- That it is. And just hang on, kids. It's going to be interesting. We're going to start out with an old, old song from long ago. Are you ready?

- I'm ready.

- Here we go.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

Hey, we forgot to tell you that we're supposed to be marathoning, too.

[LAUGHS]

- That's right. That's right. With all this war stuff that cannot--

- See, the world just keeps on spinning. We ask you three times a year to call and make your pledges of support because we don't play commercials. Coca-Cola and all those folks would sponsor that sexist, egotistical maniac out of the summit last night, Andrew Dice Clay. But they sure as hell wouldn't sponsor anything like this, somebody that tells you the truth.

- Sure.

- 526-5738 or 526-KPFT, we take your pledges on Visa, MasterCard, American Express.

- And Optima.

- And we'll talk all about that later. We want to hear from you outside of Houston at 1-800-333-5738 or 1-800-333-KPFT.

- Now I know all those good folks from last week who pledged, those are all our good listeners. Thank you for last week. But we're trying to reach those ones who didn't make it last week.

- So call while we're doing all this preaching, 526-5738, 526-KPFT.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

- Ladies and gentlemen, the following is a subliminal commercial.

- Hi, I'm Dr. Tatsy Hatsy. First off, I want to say I have nothing against disgusting sodomites and homosexuals--

- Kill them all.

- --even though my mother hates them. I'm a doctor. So I can maintain neutral perspective.

- They are evil.

- I have nothing against KPFT.

- On it.

- But if it were any good, wouldn't that a reputable media mogul bias?

- Send the bias to hell.

- If you care about the health of Houston--

- Kill the queers.

- Don't call 526-5738--

- 526-KPFT.
- --and pledge your support.
- Long distance, 1-800-333-KPFT.
- Instead, support my group, HELP.
- Help Eliminate Lesbian Society.
- --and make Houston a safe place to live again.
- Send the blanks, don't pay.
- Don't call 526-5738.
- And the Democrats.
- Ah, I can't stand it. They make me afraid.
- Afraid of myself.
- Don't call 526-5738.
- 526-KPFT.
- If you don't support KPFT, maybe they'll go away.
- Then I'll be safe.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

- "The Good Homosexual" by James Carroll Pickett. The good homosexual accommodates himself, checks fantasies, behaves properly, purchases good taste, practices impeccable hygiene, begs respect from oppressors. The good homosexual reads only what is recommended, attends all the Westwood Cinema, attains season tickets to the Music Center, votes the straight GOP slate, retires from controversy, amasses financial security no matter the social toll, finds AIDS embarrassing, but donates 50 bucks a year anyway, anonymously.

The good homosexual subscribes to *GQ*, laughs the loudest at fag jokes, laments the demise of *After Dark*, prefers porno in brown paper bags, browses Crown Books where he purchased *After the Ball*, displays National Geographic, misses *Dynasty*. The good homosexual restrains impulse, sustains racism, objects to gay as too frivolous, refers to himself as a bachelor, contains passion, remains invisible, maintains there is nothing amiss.

The good homosexual swallows bigotry, suppresses ecstasy, drives the family sedan just like old dad did, kisses with a dry mouth and closed lips, wears a condom on his tongue, just in case. The good homosexual nurtures propriety, derives morality from TV shrinks, believes there might be something to inanity, shushes all profanity, insists on anonymity, despises sodomy, fails to see why dykes have to be so pushy.

The good homosexual drinks Crux beer as advertised in good homosexual publications, keeps up appearances, longs for the cops to crack down, engages a female for social occasions, relishes assimilation, irons crisp creases in casual jeans. The good homosexual quells excess, attacks radical fags, experiences madness in discreet little doses, waters down intensity, embraces mediocrity, reaps his own self-righteous vanity, does not grasp why silence necessarily equals death. The good homosexual kills queers.

- That's right, Ma. You had it easy. You lost your husband in a nice clean hospital. You know I lost mine. I lost mine on the street. That's right. They killed him on the street, 27 years old laying dead on the street, killed by a bunch of kids with baseball bats. That's right, Ma, killed by children, killed in thought by people like you because everybody knows that queers don't matter. Queers don't love. And those that do deserve what they get!

- 90.1 FM KPFT Houston, *After Hours*, radio celebrating life from the heart of the Montrose. And you can't have life, baby, if you let them kill you, either in a war or in the streets by telling you that gay and lesbian people aren't going to make it. You get the drift.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

- Enough of that.

- Yeah, but it's good.

- 526-5738, 526-KPFT, that's the number to call. We're talking about the-- what the hell are we talking about, girl?

- Marathon.

[LAUGHS]

How's that?

- I guess I am just so-- it's been such a long day, such a long week. We've been real busy in the police business the last few days.

- So I hear.

- There's some brand new cops that you have to check out and look at all those guys.

- That's right.

- Takes up a lot of time.

- Oh, yeah.

[THEME MUSIC]

- Well, what?

- That was a little loud.

- Is that on eight?

- Yes.

- If it's-- well, we'll-- 526-5738 or 526-KPFT, that's the number to call. We're taking your pledges, of course.

- That's right. We need the bucks, baby.

- And we just had an election down at the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus, HG--

- HGLCP-- HGLPC.

[LAUGHS]

Now you know what this interview is going to be like.

- It only took me four years to get them here. And now they'll never come back.

- I know.

- No, I'm kidding.

[LAUGHS]

I'm sure they'll be back.

- We have the president and the vice president.

- Of the caucus, right?

- Yeah, together in one room.

- Larry-- what do you mean together in one room?

[LAUGHTER]

Larry Lingle and what's your name again? Rob Bridges. Rob just did the recital. We played that card until I was sick of hearing it. How did that go by the way?

- It went just fine.

- It did.

- Oh, and Stanley loved it.

- Oh, really?

- Move up a little closer, honey.

- So what's going on at the caucus in 1991? Are y'all rallying--

- I don't know what is going on.

[LAUGHS]

- Oh, come on.

- Now Larry Lingle, I have to tell you, guys, because you-- when we talk about the rally all the time down at the City Hall, if it wasn't for this man, we wouldn't have any rally.

- Boy, that's right.

- Because we didn't have any support. And we have had little support in this city for the last almost four years.

- I remember those days.

- This guy just signed checks and--

- He had the open checkbook for that thing.

- It's fabulous. Otherwise, it didn't happen.

- He'll spread it around.

- But anyway-- what?

[LAUGHTER]

- But it's a great part of Houston Gay history. And we've got it all on tape.

- If it wasn't for Lobo, we wouldn't have had any rally. But anyway, we're glad to see you, Larry, in the position of president of the caucus.

- I'm so glad to be there.

- And what do you see for the Caucus in--

- Well, I don't know if I'll probably take it or no.

- Your term is what?

[LAUGHS]

How long is your term? One?

- One year.

- One year.

- One year? So what do you see in the next year? What do you want to change?

- Oh, I don't know. There's so much change. The main thing we got to do is get new members.

- Ah.

- We need bucks in the station. We need new members. We need money, too. But we need new members. All because the Caucus has gone through a lot in the last couple of years. And it's lost membership. We've got to bring people back. We've got to bring new people in. And we have some new people in. And Rob is new to the leadership of the Caucus.

- And I also noticed--

- We have some recruits on the board.

- --Chris Bacon?

- Chris Bacon, we're very pleased with. Chris is with the--

- Just recently moved to our city.

- Yeah, he's with the Vinson and Elkins, whatever that law firm is. He was hired out of Harvard as their first openly gay attorney.

- He just recently moved into the city. And I'm glad I see him here.

- I think he's been here about six months. And he joined our board. And we're very pleased with that. Liz Shuler was elected secretary. Liz is new also to the board. Rob is vice president. And we have some other people.

[LAUGHS]

- Claire Capsule is a new board member also.

- Oh, really?

- Right, I'm sorry. I should have mentioned-- yes, Claire. She's been active in the community anyway.

- You bet.

- She did lose her son very recently to AIDS. But Claire was elected to the board. So we have some new faces. We're very pleased with it.

- That sounds good.

- It's a good variety of people. But we always need a lot of more people with energy into the Caucus.

- You said you need to get people in. And why do people need to join and support the Caucus?

- Well, for one thing, right now, the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus is the only political gay and lesbian game in town. And it's important that we bring in as much diversity. It's in our community. We need much more minority support in the Caucus. We need more women in the Caucus. So we just need more people, period. And it is the, as I say, the political game. We've got a lot ahead of us.

There's redistricting and the city council four state legislature. We should be involved in that. We've been very fortunate. We're going to be hosting the 7th international conference of gay and lesbian elected and appointed officials in November. That's a big mouthful.

- Sure is. What does that mean?

- I don't know what breaks down to be. Well, they held their last convention in Boston. They had 250 people. And that they are appointed and elected officials who are gay and lesbian. And we're going to host their next convention in November. Now that seems like a long way off. But we're going to start planning it now.

- It'll be here before we know it.

- It really will. And we're very excited about it because it is a great opportunity for us.

- The Caucus endorsed and supported Ann Richards. Is that right?

- Very definitely, very definitely.

- And how do we feel about her as she begins her new term?

- Well, we're thrilled to death. A lot of us were there for the inaugural. We had a great turnout at the Caucus. We carried the caucus banner in the March up Congress Avenue.

- How wonderful.

- There are already some gay and lesbians who have been appointed to posts in the new state government. Maybe we shouldn't spread that around too much. But there were gay and lesbian names on the inaugural program involved in the planning and so forth of it. It's very refreshing. It's the first time I think you could safely say the first time Texas state government is open to gay and lesbians.

We need to take advantage of that openness, not just the Governor-- Lieutenant Governor Bob Bullock. He personally came down here during the campaign, met with about 25 people from the community, and assured us that as long as he is the presiding officer of the state Senate that he would watch out for our interests. And we hope a very progressive attorney general in Morales. We'll see how that goes, particularly on the appeal of 2106.

- We're really looking forward to that.

- But it has to be appealed, so you can make it statewide. So it's going to be very crucial. But if that works out, that's great. If not, then we'll go through the legislature. We've had a very good lobbyist for the community in Austin, Glen Maxey. Well, Glen is now running for a vacated seat in the state legislature. It'll be coming up probably the 16th of February. That'll probably require runoff because there are about nine candidates. But he will become, if elected, the first openly gay person elected to the state legislature of Texas.

- How wonderful.

- So these people better watch out because we are everywhere. And we're going to be more places yet.

- We've always been everywhere.

- I know.

- It's just we've never gotten as involved--

- It's like that thing you were just playing earlier about a good homosexual. They're too damn invisible or something like that, too invisible.

- Do you think that the-- we'll edit that out later. Do you think that the community is beginning to come out more and become more involved in its life? We were real active there in the early '70s and late-- at the beginning of the '80s. And then AIDS came. And we just stopped.

- I we're coming back a little bit, Buddy. It's a gradual process.

- Do you think we're swimming around and--

- It's not going to be any rush. But we'd like to think so.

- If I could speak to that, I saw a great deal of enthusiasm this last November, a lot more than I had seen in the last couple of years as far as gay involvement in politics. And I think a lot of it had to do with Ann Richard's candidacy for governor because there was a feeling that there were some possibilities of things actually being accomplished. And I know that for a few years there, it felt like gay involvement in politics was like an exercise in futility.

And you can only bang your head on the wall so many times before you go away. But I think that the climate has changed somewhat in this state enough to where people feel that when they do get involved, they can make a difference. And I think that that's made a difference in the enthusiasm we've seen recently.

- I think so. And what we've also got to do in the process is we've got to get smart about politicking. We've got to build coalitions with other minorities. We've got to set our goals. And we've got to work towards them. We can't just-- there's a place for demonstrating. Please understand I fully support activism. And there's definitely a place for it. But at the same time, we've got to get smart about playing this political game.

- Exactly.

- It takes both, don't you think?

- Oh, definitely, it does, very definitely.

- Plus our power is really when we go in that booth and punch that hole or pull that lever.

- But there are times when we also do have to be out in the streets to let them know we're there. Visibility in our lifestyle is very important. Again, the thing you're playing early about a good homosexual is not invisible. And a good gay has got to be visible. And a good lesbian has got to be visible. And so yeah, we've got to have the demonstrations. But we also got to play the game.

[CHUCKLES]

- I love that line.

[LAUGHTER]

- What?

- We've got to pull this off the tape and play it as a card--

- No way.

- Every week.

[LAUGHS]

Every week.

- --every weekend down here.

- Don't do that. Don't do that. That's mainly-- that's the one thing we're aiming for, again, as I said, increased membership, educating our members more in the political process that we're involved in. City elections are coming up, I believe. So hopefully, we'll be asked to endorse some candidates. And we'll be looking forward to that.

- Are the candidates coming back to the gay community once again?

- More than in the past. They slowly are coming back. But I'm sure, Buddy, you know, too, that a lot of campaigns have attacked persons endorsed by the Caucus because of their gay endorsement. So that's still a factor. They're still trying to use it. And in some cases, it's probably still effective. But we do still have some friends in political office, who I'm sure will come back for endorsement. And who knows who's going to run for Mayor?

- Steve Halsey.

[LAUGHTER]

No, I'm kidding. We're talking to Larry Lingle, president of the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus, and Robert bridges, who was just elected vice president. We know now-- we know that the "Hail to the Chief" is played for the president. And what do they play for the--

[LAUGHTER]

--vice president?

- I'll just have to think of that out all week. We have been lobbying for my own special song.

- Whatever it is, Rob can play it himself.

- That's right.

- Whatever it is, he will publish it in front of--

- And have a world premiere.

- We'll just ask Dan Quayle. I mean, he can tell us what it is surely.

- I don't want to be identified like that.

[LAUGHTER]

- I think his song, though, is the Mickey Mouse theme, something like that.

- While we're on the subject of interesting new members, I'd like to remind the listeners out there that the GLPC does meet every first--

- He'll plug in.

- --and third Wednesday of each month at the Multipurpose Center, which is on West Gray between Waugh Drive and Dunlavy. And we meet at 7:00. And if you like, even if you're unsure of whether you want to become active, you can come as a guest and check it out. But we would strongly urge people to come and stay and become members. The dues are \$30--

- Per year.

- --for regular membership for a year, \$50 for a two-year membership, \$100 a year if you want to be carried out on the shoulders of the crowd.

[LAUGHTER]

And also, if you want to get involved and you're in temporarily restraining financial circumstances, that can be worked out, too.

- Also a student right--

- We want your involvement.

- Let me ask you something. Suppose I'm a listener sitting out there listening to this, and I'm thinking, well, I'd like to support HGLPC. But I'm not really a political person. And I really probably wouldn't go to any meetings. But I'd like to receive the mail outs. And I'd like to maybe financially support. Could I be a member?

- Sure. You don't have to attend. Well, we do have members that don't attend--

[LAUGHTER]

- --including you.

- Yeah, including me.

- No, we'd be glad to sign people up. They can contact us at the Caucus office, which is 521-1000.

- Easy number, easy number.

- And what is our mailing address, Rob, real quick? What is it?

- It's PO Box--

- I can't read them without my glasses, though.

- --14 numbers, I don't know.

- PO Box 66664, Houston, Texas. The zip is 77266.

- And if you didn't catch all of that, you know you can call the Gay and Lesbian Switchboard. And they've got it on the tips of their tongues.

- That's right.

- So there are going to be good things coming up then for the voters of our county who happen to be gay and lesbian in the next couple of years, not only city elections, but the presidential election next year.

- That, too. And also, I would not be surprised, Buddy, if we don't see in this city our first-- well, I take it back. It won't be our first because Ray Hill ran for just a piece in the last election as an openly gay candidate. But I think we'll be seeing more openly gay and lesbian candidates running in the future in the city and county. And I think we have that to look forward to. And let's say that, again, Ray was a trailblazer in that respect. And we're going to see more to follow. And I think that's encouraging. Not me. I'm not announcing--

- That was fast.

- You heard it here.

- Ta-da! Now that you're the president of HGLPC, does this mean that we're not going to get to enjoy your editorials in The Voice every week?

[LAUGHS]

You didn't read my disclaimer this week. No, I'm going to keep writing those. But I want everybody to understand that what appears in the Lobo ads in Montrose Voice represent Lobo. And those are the views of Bill and I and are not that of the HGLPC. And I get to mention Bill. I got to refer to him again. My other half of 13 years, Bill White, who is a board member of the Caucus and the president of the company where we are.

- Rolling 13 years?

- 13 years.

- Stan and I have been together 13 years.

- Well, our anniversary's next month. It's hard to believe.

[LAUGHTER]

Yes, it's really surprising. You see, I'm only 26. But anyway--

[LAUGHTER]

- Stan's 29.

- Actually, he's 27.

[LAUGHTER]

- I was remarking earlier. I'm the oldest president of the Caucus, whatever that means or whatever that may. Distinction goes with that. But no, we'll continue to write them. But it must be separate from-- I will be the spokesman for the Caucus, but not in those area.

- Because I must say, 99% of the time, I agree fully with what you say.

- What would you not agree with?

[LAUGHTER]

- Did you have something to ask that we haven't asked, Frank?

- No, I just asked him.

- You just asked him. So we're looking for a lot of new people to get involved in, right?

- That's right. Also, if people have particular interests that they'd like to get involved in--

- Is there any other ways?

- --whether it's a standing committee or a project that possibly were not even addressing, they should come to the meeting and speak up, let us know what's on their mind and in what capacity they'd like to serve because there are lots of general members that are very active on various committees as far as election activities, screening activities, fundraising. If there's a particular skill that you have, and you think, well, it's not particularly political, we still need you.

[CHUCKLES]

- Even if it's stuffing envelope.

- That's exactly correct.

- And I know both of you have been on--

- 31?

[LAUGHS]

- Below.

- Both of you--

- He said it.

- Both of you have been on lots of different committees at HGLPC.

- Yes, but we are looking-- Rob is correct. We're looking for a lot more people to be involved. And frankly, we were talking earlier today, Rob and I, were. And we both share a goal that we want to get people in the caucus itself more involved, not just having a few people doing everything or the board doing everything. And one of the things I'm going to recommend to the board are some of the positions, chairmanships out of the caucus itself, not all coming from the board members.

And we're going to try to get more people involved and reach out. And hopefully, they'll come in and get involved. So we look forward being a very active year and a very growing year. But it always takes a while to really get that incentive going and getting people involved. But we're looking forward to it.

- I know that the politicians listen. And I know that a lot of them support us because politicians, like Craig Washington, Craig said in that chair that Jimmy is in for two hours one Sunday morning from 2:00 in the morning until 4:00 and talked about the support that he wanted from the gay community.

And being openly gay at the city in the police department, I know there are a lot of people down there, thank God, who support our lifestyle and support what we're reaching out for. And I just wish that more people would become active in their own lives and get involved in things like the Caucus.

- Well, Buddy, your example is the best example you present because Bill and I were involved in Greg's campaign. And in fact, the evening he came down here, we were having a birthday party for Craig at the house. And there were some people advising him to be very, very careful about Buddy Johnston. Do you use your name?

- Yeah.

- Oh, really?

[LAUGHTER]

Yes, I do. But I remember talking to him afterwards. He was very impressed. And he was very pleased the way it went. He was very thrilled with it.

- I heard a lot about of him, though.

- But he is the kind of person who will go against standard political advice. He'll vote his conscience as he's done in the last couple of days in Washington. And sometimes that throws people because he won't do the conventional. And I think that's sometimes what makes a good politician from our point of view. Somebody doesn't always do what's expected of him. But we'll always stand up for what he believe. And he definitely will stand up for us.

- There are a lot of people who have been afraid to come down here.

[LAUGHTER]

And they'll throw rocks at me every chance they get. But I was sitting in that chair at the police department the night that the referendum died. And I saw the message on the computer screen that said, 78% against the queers. And I watched as the straight slate pushed and had ads on television and ads in the newspapers and ads on radio. All the communities sat on it, but didn't do anything. And I also watched as certain people in the community walked down the streets clapping and screaming, where's the mayor? Where is the mayor?

And they didn't realize that the city government of this city had put its neck out to protect us. And then we didn't vote for what they had given us. We didn't even support ourselves. Less than 70% or less than 20% of the Montrose bothered to vote when the referendum died. So I think it's a little arrogant for us to say, where is the mayor? Those people put their necks out for us. And if we don't support ourselves, we can't just expect them to leave their head on the block and have it chopped off.

But I do feel-- but I do feel a certain degree of-- oh, I don't know. I feel good knowing that the politicians down there support things like this program. And when I started in 1987 with no support from the gay community, absolutely none, that City Hall was behind me. The mayor's office was behind me. George Grenius, who was then our City Councilman for this area was behind us.

- He did some spots, as a matter of fact.

- Exactly. He was even here for the time that he was City Councilman. He had a weekly report. But it's funny that in the four years that we've done this program that the grief we've had has come from within the gay community and not from City Hall or not from the Houston Police Department. And I think that says a lot. And I really wish the community would wake up and realize that we're all biggest friend. And we should support each other and really push to get what's rightfully ours.

- So we, sometimes, can also be our worst enemy.

- Oh, exactly. And we just have to quit stabbing each other in the back and work together. When we started to do this program, a little bit of history, I thought were the greatest guest we could have on is the gay political-- then the gay political caucus to come on and tell how important it is to register people, how important it is to come down and get out and vote because we started in September. And elections were that November.

But because the certain people didn't like Buddy Johnston that didn't happen. And it didn't happen for a couple of years until Ray Hill was elected. And I think that's sad. Anyway, we're glad that you guys are there. And I know that wonderful things are going to happen--

- Thank you very much, Buddy.

- --because I have a lot of faith in Robert. And I've worked with him on other projects that he's been involved in. And I've worked with you. And like I said, if it wasn't for Larry Lingle and Bill White and Lobo--

- Quit saying it.

- It's the truth.

- Quit saying that, Buddy.

- It's the truth.

- But it's true.

- We can play those tapes for you. It was wonderful.

- It's the same way, Buddy. You approached me when we first moved down here from that godforsaken city up north.

[LAUGHTER]

Oh, do you have any listeners from Dallas here?

[LAUGHTER]

- Only when they visit.

- And you got us included. And we were thrilled with it. Well, you've done some great things. And you don't often get credit for it.

- We're glad to have you in the caucus, both of you.

- You bet you.

- But we're always pushing people to go to Lobo and Inklings. And those are the only places that you're going to get this stuff that's available that we need to read and we need to buy. Plus you have some great stuff that I need to see.

[LAUGHTER]

Now that we've talked about that political stuff, what's on sale at Lobo?

[LAUGHTER]

No, I'm kidding.

- It's a bookstore, folks. It's a bookstore.

- We talk about it all the time.

- It's a bookstore.

- So well, never mind. I don't want to go on that topic.

- Really?

- So what's one of the meetings again, Robert? Get us out of this and tell us, please.
- Let me get us through this.
- Tell us when we can join in.
- Maybe in time, just one last plug for us. There at 7:00, the first and third Wednesday of each month at the Multipurpose Center--
- 1475 West Gray.
- That's right, between Waugh and Dunlavy.
- You've got a great memory.
- So many people--
- Every meeting we have in the world is there. It's almost like a Montrose Activity Center.
- So please come and get involved.
- Is there a Montrose Activity Center? Go ahead, Rob, sorry.
- I'm trying to plug the Caucus here. Would you quit?
- Oh, I'm sorry. Go ahead.
- I just turn it one more time to ask people to please come on down and get involved and help us to increase our visibility and our effectiveness to bring benefits for our people--
- You bet.
- --during the political process.
- Please keep us informed as to what's going on, especially if you have special guests or special speakers coming.
- Yes, sure.
- Or a special fundraisers.
- I mean, we pushed the TGRE rodeo for about a year, hard and heavy. And then the week after, it was in town, in that beautiful Convention Center downtown. And we saw the headline in The Voice and it said, great rodeo, but nobody came. And it's maybe because they forgot to advertise. And so many people think that the only way to reach the gay community is to have an ad in The Voice or This Week in Texas. And we all know that's not true. So don't forget about The Post and The Chronicle and KPFT.
- Yeah, that's right. I mean, The voice and The Twit are out there. But let's face it. If it's Montrose, then we're talking maybe 10% of the gay community. There's just a whole lot of folks.
- Really, seriously, thanks for coming by.
- Thank you.
- And good luck in your year. And if we can do anything, please let us know.

- Have us back.
- All right, we will. We Will. Stay tuned. We'll continue in a minute.
- Ladies and gentlemen, the following is a subliminal commercial.
- Hi, I'm Dr. Tatsy Hatsy. First off, I want to say I have nothing against disgusting sodomites and homosexuals--
- Kill them all.
- --even though my mother hates them. I'm a doctor. So I can maintain neutral perspective.
- They are evil.
- I have nothing against KPFT.
- On it.
- But if it were any good, evil media mogul bias.
- Send the bias to hell.
- If you care about the health of Houston--
- Kill the queers.
- Don't call 526-5738--
- 526-KPFT.
- --and pledge your support.
- Long distance, 1-800-333-KPFT.
- Instead, support my group, HELP--
- Help Eliminate Lesbian Society.
- --and make Houston a safe place to live again.
- Send the blanks, don't pay.
- Don't call 526-5738.
- And the Democrats.
- I can't stand it. They make me afraid.
- Afraid of myself.
- Don't call 526-5738.
- 526-KPFT.

- If you don't support KPFT, maybe they'll go away.

- Then I'll be safe.

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It's been such a long week. I can't remember. But I know we've been off the air. And you've been tuning out. But we're not there. So we count on you. And we need your money, 526-5738, 526-KPFT. Call us up and make a pledge of support right now. It's tax deductible. And it'll make you feel good. And we'll be talking more about marathon right after the news. So stay with us. You're tuned to 90.1 FM KPFT Houston, listener-sponsored radio, Texas. So stay with us.