

- Ultimately, that is a way to increase minority representation. We, the gay community, the gay and lesbian community, made a valiant effort to become part of that increased representation. We lobbied long and hard for a seat to be created. And they're creating seats for various official minorities, and that's official in terms of what the Justice Department says is a real minority. We're not considered a real minority.

And so we didn't have any real legal standing to create a seat that would be easy, or at least possible, for a gay person to win, but we did lobby hard and we had some support on council. But ultimately, they just didn't have the political courage to create it. And I think, I have been planning and looking toward running for office for a long time and for me, that was the catalyst. It was just-- well, by God, if you're not going to--

- It's perfect.

- --not going to create it for us, we'll just have to go out and take it.

- Some people would be discouraged by that. But obviously, that was a motivating factor for your increased participation in the system.

- It was and I think that was true for everyone who was involved in the lobbying process as well. So often, we are involved in coalitions. We are the backbone of-- we've been the backbone of the feminist movement. We've been the backbone of the Civil Rights Movement. We've been the backbone of the environmental movement, the pro-choice movement. We're always there. We've always stood up for the civil rights of others.

But when it comes down to it, they're often hesitant to stand up for our civil rights and we just can't sit back and wait for them to do it for us. Ultimately, we have to take the next step.

- And do it for ourselves.

- Do it for ourselves.

- It's been great talking to you. I thank you for coming tonight.

- Thanks. I enjoyed it. And I look forward to the longer interview we're going to do.

- All right. This has been Afterwards for the week of June 30. I'm Frank White. Stay tuned to "After Hours" here on KPFT 90.1 FM Houston.

[THEME MUSIC]

[MUSIC PLAYING]

- The disorders began with a routine police raid on a homosexual bar, The Stonewall on Christopher Street.

- Say it loud. Gay and proud.

- We take great pride in what's happened in the gay community and what's going to happen.

- The people of Dade County has said enough, enough, enough.

- Human rights are here to stay. Anita Bryant go away.
- There's no question in my mind that the people of California don't want homosexuals teaching in the classroom.
- State Senator John Briggs has just conceded the election.

[CHEERING]

- Both Mayor Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk have been shot and killed.
- Dan White has been found guilty of one count each of voluntary manslaughter.
- Fight now. Fight back.
- It has now broken loose. Cops are now bashing heads.
- And here comes the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights.
- Gay power, gay politics, that's what this report is about.
- There are gay and lesbian people singing out here. What's your reaction to that?
- I think it's terrible. If I had a rock, I'd throw it at them.
- The real message of these gay games is that every one of us is a winner.
- Tonight, we are marching, as all others across America. And we shouldn't have to be.
- Say it so they can m 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 Lea Delaria.

- I'm Bruce Hopkins.
- I'm a dyke.
- I'm a faggot.
- And we're best friends.

[CHEERING]

- 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. 500,000 strong. Look at you. 500,000 strong.

[CHEERING]

500,000 strong, one of the largest marches in United State's history.

[CHEERING]

One of the largest marches in United State's history. 500,000 strong.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

- 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. You--

[CHEERING]

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. Once you do, you will feel so much better.

[CHEERING]

[CROWD CHANTING]

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

- Come on out. Join us. Bring your friends.

- What do you think about the turnout so far?

- Well, it's never enough. Never enough. Never enough. And I ask people all over this country to do one thing, come out. Come out, America. Come out. We're going to redo this, Monday, I think. and leave off that part.

- Come out. Come out.

- Girl, they're not coming out. Some of them are.

- Some of them are, and some of them come out because they listen to this show.

- But did you see this, Supreme Court Losing Marshall.

- Yeah.
- Civil rights trailblazer, Thurgood Marshall, the only Black ever to serve on the United States Supreme Court announced his retirement Thursday because he's old.
- Well, he's only 80.
- But he's the one that's made the difference. So--
- He sure has.
- There goes civil rights. There probably goes *Roe v Wade*. There probably goes all the support that people like Jesse Helms and all those other folks need to work on FCC to get us taken off the air.
- It's a distinct possibility. But you know how this-- once they get in, that's it so--
- If they get in, they never die.
- There have been cases when those with rightist leanings get in there and all of a sudden develop leftist leanings.
- Well, we'll see what happens. You know George is going to pick somebody that's going to lean our way.
- Yeah, well, he hasn't been-- well, they just don't get in. They're not in Flint anymore. They have to go through a lot. Of course, sometimes not enough.
- Did you see this picture of these two queens standing on the street and one of them sitting on a fire hydrant?
- And she's enjoying it immensely.
- I know. It says we're thrilled to announce the release of our long-awaited fourth album. I love the title, Be Political Not Polite on Fresh Fruit Records.
- Yes.
- That can only mean Romanovsky and Phillips.
- That's right.
- They have a brand new album out. It says 15 songs of love, politics, anger, and hope. And I cannot wait. How come we don't have a copy of this?
- I just got that notice today my own self.
- Did you Really?
- Yeah. They don't--
- Get those queens on the line.
- I know. In fact, well, we have to buy them. But that's not a bad deal. 15 new songs?
- Yeah, it says over an hour's worth of music.

- For \$16?

- Mm-hmm.

- The price had to go up.

- *Queers in the Closet*, I can't wait to play that on the radio. I wish I had it now because that's exactly how I feel.

- What about that one that's called *Him*?

- For the Catholic Church?

- For the Catholic Church. That ought to be real good.

- Anyway, this is not real good because this is-- I'm the queer that nobody wants you to listen to. Well, some of them don't want you to listen to me. But you must be enjoying something because you're listening and I cannot believe this is from the *Houston Post* on Friday, June 28.

- Yes.

- Headlined, "Supreme Court Losing Marshall." Thurgood Marshall is retiring. That really scares me.

- You were saying you saw him on CNN and they were saying, why are you--

- I saw him on CNN. I saw his press conference live on CNN. And it was funny. They asked him if he was angry with the president, and angry with the way the court's going, and angry with whatever. And he said, no. They said, well, then why are you retiring? And he looked at the man and said, because I'm old. My body is falling apart. And I thought that was so classy.

- I'm half his age and I feel that way, sometimes.

- Speaking of classy, also on the front page of the *Houston Post* on February 28, right here at the bottom.

- Yeah.

- "Polio vaccine pioneer Jonas Salk says he will be the first uninfected person injected with his experimental AIDS vaccine. He wants to answer that question, would you take it yourself?"

- Wow.

- So he's going to be the first to take his anti-AIDS vaccine. We'll see how that goes. Of course, he's the one that--

- Boy, I really--

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

- Yes, I know. I know. But I really hope that-- I really hope this is for real and not just, hey, look at me. I've got it first.

- I'm on this paper mood. I've been reading the paper at work. Well, I always read the paper at work but there haven't-- I usually read it after the parade thing because that was last Sunday, I guess. I don't know. I went to see *Robin Hood*.

- It was last Sunday.

- *Robin Hood* is a fabulous movie, even though you don't get to see Kevin--

- Costner.

- --Costner's rear end. You get to see a stand in rear end. But it still looks good.

- It's not his? There was a standing rear end?

- But I went to--

- Well, I saw a rear end this weekend.

- I went-- where did you see one?

- We'll talk about that later.

- OK. I went to see *Robin Hood* last weekend. It was fabulous. I had a great day. You did something else? You can talk about that later.

- Yeah.

- Didn't you? You went to the parade?

- I went to the parade.

- Well, I didn't. But anyway, someone called and asked me why we didn't march. And we told you, for weeks, we didn't have any money.

- Where have these people been? We've been talking about it for two months. We're not going to march in the parade. OK, Queens?

- We'd love to, but we didn't have any money, [INAUDIBLE]

- Right.

- It takes money and I ain't got any.

- And Stanley cut me off.

- Look at this. This is in today's *Houston Post*, Saturday, June the 29th on the editorial page, an editorial cartoon by Britt. It's a couple, an older couple, it looks like, standing in a lobby of a doctor's office. And there's a sign here on the door that says "Think HIV Positive."

So you can figure out where this is going. Then there's another sign, on the door, that says, "Check in here, check out for good." And then the wife is throwing her arms apart and she's screaming, "The doctor cured your arthritis. What did he give you." And the elderly man here, in small letters, says, "AIDS." Isn't this obscene?

- That is obscene.

- Where the hell is Jesse Helms out? This is incredible. I don't know why. This is only promoting ignorance and fear.

- Sure is.

- Good, God.
- Is there anybody down there at *The Post* alive?
- Yeah, that's saying-- that's telling the world, OK, you go to your doctor and you're going to get AIDS.
- That's what it says there.
- And you know why? It's because of that new law that didn't get passed about--
- That's because the law is-- the people who looked at that law weren't stupid, apparently, like this cartoon.
- Yes.
- Anyway, what else is here? This is in Saturday's *Houston Chronicle*, "Gay Magazine Closes Door." I believe Frank mentioned this on the news.
- Yeah, he sure did.
- *OutWeek*, he is closing because of financial troubles. Outing, that's when we point our fingers at someone and say, he's queer. He's queer. That's what the police officers at work. I guess, I think, I'm going to do to them if they speak to me, because they don't. But I'm going to point my fingers--

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

- Faggot. Faggot. I don't do that.
- It is a personal thing. But what I don't like about it is the insinuation that if you out somebody that that's a bad thing for the world to know that you're gay.
- It's not a bad thing. But I don't think you should drag somebody out of the closet. You know what I mean?
- It's like you're hiding your dirty little secret, but it's not a dirty little secret.
- But they shouldn't drag people out of the closet kicking and screaming, Mary.
- It's depends.
- Only if they're attacking us, that's the only time I would say point your finger and scream, he's queer.
- If you got some Senator who's in the gay bars every night--
- Oh, God. I hope it's not Jesse Helms.
- And then votes against gay bills.
- That's what I just said, Mary. Are you listening?
- Yeah, but I wanted it spelled out.

- If they're not attacking us, then I don't think that's everybody's business. Of course, I think everybody should come out of the closet. That's another reason I didn't go the parade, Sunday, because at 7 o'clock, the parade ended and everybody went to the bars, and the [INAUDIBLE], and the bookstores, and right into the same old guilt trips that they've all been in. You know what I mean?

I didn't see a lot of police officers coming out, although I did see, in Los Angeles, Chief Gates-- is that his name? Daryl Gates OKed the-- he authorized gay and lesbian police officers in the city of Los Angeles. Now you ready for this? Chief Daryl Gates, who's been under fire from everybody, authorized gay and lesbian police officers in the Los Angeles Police Department to openly--

- Recruit.

- Recruit, that's the word I was looking for. Openly recruit gay and lesbian people for the Los Angeles Police Department.

- And guess what? There was one of each.

- And guess what? One of the men who worked at that booth at the Gay Pride-- Gay and Lesbian Pride Festival, or whatever they called it in LA. Freedom something or other, Razzle Dazzle Los Angeles, I don't know. Whatever the hell they called

- Freedom Day--

- One of those police officers was on CNN, and he came out to his fellow police officers the day before that thing took place--

- Oh, yeah?

- --because he was gay and he was proud of who and what he was. And he was tired of hiding, and he decided that today is the day. And he wanted to work in that booth. And it was an incredible story.

I was so depressed because I really wanted to march in the parade and throw beads and rubbers at 20,000 people that don't even know who the hell we are and then maybe look at the faces of the other 10 that hate my guts down there. But anyway, that's another story. I was really depressed. And I went home and turned the TV on and saw this beautiful story about this police officer who found the courage to come out. And that's all I would like to see happen in Houston.

It's going to happen sooner or later. They can't stop it. It's already happening. I mean, I'm queer and I'm doing a radio show and nobody gives a damn. You know what I mean? It's already happened.

- You have a good point though because there was this Star Knight 91 festival going on with entertainment and booths and an art show and all of that, and there were 20,000 people at the parade. And I doubt if there were 2000 who went to the Star Knight 91 festival.

- Oh, you're kidding.

- So that's like 18,000 people either went home or went to the bars or went to the [INAUDIBLE] or the bookstores.

- Anyway, in other news-- did you see this, Mary? This is from the Saturday Chronicle. God has advised Jimmy Swaggart not to say anything.

- Well, it's about time.

[LAUGHTER]

- Television evangelist Jimmy Swaggart said Friday that God told him not to defend himself against a televised news report featuring a 1987 picture of him with a prostitute in front of a motel room. Swaggart learned that CNN was going to broadcast this and the Holy Ghost spoke to him and said, don't say nothing to nobody. I think that is too funny.

- Where's that wonderful song we have where he's screaming no sex before marriage?

[LAUGHTER]

That 242 number.

- I didn't bring it.

- But anyway I also want to look at this. Is just the cover, Mary, of the paper.

- Yeah.

- Supreme Court losing Marshall. Slovenia? Slovenia? What is that? Some place in Yugoslavia, they're fighting for freedom. Here's the owner of a dollar gun shop gunned to death, shot to death in his business on Friday. The state is releasing a killer--

- Oh, that's nice.

- --and trying to find a place for him to live. Santana-- bless his heart-- from the group, Carlos Santana was arrested at Intercontinental Airport for possession of a small amount of marijuana allegedly, possessed a small amount. How in the hell did they know he was coming back from Mexico with a small amount of marijuana and some rolling papers? I think somebody had it in for Santana.

- I think so.

- Anyway--

- Was there any good news?

- Yeah, that Romanovsky and Phillips have a new album coming out.

- That sure wasn't in the post or the Chronicle.

- I had-- here it is-- Lorie Rodriguez from the Houston Chronicle, Metropolitan local and state news-- this is from Saturday, June the 29th. It was the commercial that clinched it. The commercial for a hamburger chain that popped onto television a few weeks ago-- buy your coke and hamburger and fries here and be the first on your block to get your very own camouflage cup commemorating the Persian Gulf War.

- What?

- If life were tighter, this would be the precise point where I got off, when I said, OK, enough welcome home parades, enough celebrations, enough President Bush, enough George Schwarzkopf, enough stealth bomber, just stop the world and let me off.

- Boy, no kidding.

- Thousands of red, white, and blue balloons ago, there were nagging feelings that [MUMBLES] OK, the camouflage cop-- [MUMBLES]

The celebrations started a bit late when Marine Lance Corporal Taryn Dixon recently became one young Black male killed by a robber, a block from his Southeast Houston home while celebrating his return from the war.

- I remember reading that.

- When Marine Sergeant George reconnaissance recently returned after six months in the Persian Gulf, five years in reserves and three years of trying to become a citizen, only to learn that the bureaucratic red tape would prevent him from marching as a free American in the July 4th celebration.

- That's incredible. You're good enough to fight for this country, but you're not good enough to stay here.

- When Washington, with its drugs and crime and poverty through its high tech multi-million dollar welcome home featuring stealth bombers and beef 41 ones flying above, when New York with its mammoth, racial, social, and economic problems flung upwards of a \$5 million celebration to welcome home the troops, when Blacks and Hispanics serve in the armed forces in disproportionate numbers, only to return home to domestic battles that they cannot win, that even can't be prettied up by pop songs and yellow ribbons, when the Bush administration persists in claiming a decisive victory in Kuwait, from what seems to be a far cry of democracy and Saddam Hussein is still in power, when George Bush and his Republican cohorts keep playing that radial card during emotional debates over issues like the pending civil rights bill--

In 1987, when retired Major General William Westmoreland led a glorious ragtag procession of Vietnam veterans from downtown Houston to Memorial Park, some wore faded and mismatched uniforms, others were in full dress splendor. Many wore camouflage fatigues, others had thrown on jeans and tank tops. Many pushed baby strollers. Some marched with flags. A few maneuvered wheelchairs.

It's a bittersweet, affair, a painful farewell to the 59,136 Americans who died in another war. And a reminder to those still healing from a nation that left them. Even reporters cried. Reporters also cried during the first dozen or so Gulf War celebrations. But somewhere along the way, New York and Washington, whatever, it just started getting too expensive and too disturbing and too old and too, too much.

These are among the wars that most need-- our resources. These are the mothers of all victories. But this July 4th, the Dixon family will mourn the loss of a son who survived the war, only to be murdered a block from his home here in Houston. George [INAUDIBLE] who fought in Kuwait won't have a citizenship in this country in time for his parade.

And the Hispanics celebrating the 10th anniversary of naming the street after Army Staff Sergeant Macario Garcia may remember their hero was deemed worthy enough for a Medal of Honor in World War II, but not worthy enough to be served at an area restaurant when he returned home while Macario Garcia was still in uniform. [INAUDIBLE] Rodriguez writing for the Houston Chronicle on some Saturday, June the 29th. It's called "Stop the Parade, I want to get off." That's the headline. That's kind of how I feel about the recent parade we just had.

Also in the news-- let's see, Mary. Where are we?

- Do you know that of all the men who died, men and women who died in Vietnam, twice that many have died of AIDS in 10 years?

- This is also in the-- I don't even want to talk about AIDS or I'll be in tears because I'm so angry right now.

- And they say that's not a war.

- This is *The Houston Chronicle*, Saturday, June the 29th, page 32A. The headline reads "Gays Allege Witch Hunt," San Antonio. Says from staff and wire reporters I guess for *The Chronicle*. Yeah, for the *Houston Chronicle*.

San Antonio civilian police are assisting military police in checking for armed forces personnel at local homosexual bars and other businesses the military has proclaimed off limits which some nightclub owners say is nothing more than a witch hunt. This is a quote, quote, "This is an example of the Nazi mentality that still exists toward the lesbian and gay community." End Quote.

Kay Ford, owner of a lounge with homosexual patrons, told *the San Antonio* light in Friday's edition, quote, "This is a witch hunt, and once it begins, it affects everyone." End quote. This is no witch hunt. Quote, "This is no witch hunt. We don't do witch hunts," end quote, said Lieutenant Colonel Johnny Whitaker, a spokesman for Lackland Air Force base where the area armed forces Disciplinary Commission control board is based he said military police regularly check homosexual bars and other off limits establishments for military people.

- I say it's already started, right, like they said it would. Gays and lesbians are good enough to fight in the war, but they're not good enough to stay in the services once it's over.

- It was Tuesday, Thursday, Wednesday, some night on CNN, they interviewed a captain who led the parade in Washington DC, the gay and lesbian parade in Washington DC the day before he was to be discharged from the United States Air Force. The Air Force found out about it and quickly drug him into an office and tried to get him to tell them who other gay people were.

- Oh, yeah. That's standard operation.

- This is something great that I read in the paper. This is from *The Houston Post* on Friday, February 28th, and it's written by Carl T Rowan, R-O-W-A-N.

- Oh, yeah.

- The headline is "No Cause to Ban Gays in the Military--" [COUGHS] excuse me-- from Carl T Rowan. There is something to be said about America's military dogged insistence that homosexuality is incompatible with military service. You don't have to practice or endorse a homosexual lifestyle to conclude that sexual preference should not be a reason either for exempting men and women from military service or for denying them the right to serve as members of the military.

Yet the case of an Air Force captain Greg Greeley who came out of the closet at the recent gay Pride Day parade in Washington DC shows that our military is obsessed with finding and driving out gays. Captain Greeley led the parade last Sunday and gave an interview to *the Washington Post* which provoked some Air Force authorities to hold up his discharge so that they could see if he was a security risk. Remember, this is the day before he gets out.

- Of course.

- A security risk. Greeley a computer expert had served in the Air Force for four years, had a clearance for certain classified information. The hold on his discharge involved nothing more than an attempt to get him to reveal the names of gays he knew in the military. When this witch hunt was blasted in Congress and everywhere else, the Air Force granted Greeley an honorable discharge with the statement, quote, "His record is clean, everything is hunky-dory." End quote.

Well, everything won't be hunky-dory until the military stops blasting personal policy, stops basing personal policy on the absurd notion that every homosexual is a security risk because some enemy might use the fact of his or her being gay to blackmail them. There have been something to 40 years ago-- I'm sorry. I don't have my glasses.

There might have been something to this 40 years ago when gay people were acutely afraid that their relatives, employers, and even their close friends would learn of their sexual preferences. But now, when hundreds of thousands of gay and lesbian people are publicly declaring and displaying their homosexuality, where is the blackmail potential? When I was the director of the United States Information Agency at the height of the Cold War, the Soviet Union and its Eastern Europe satellites were brazen in their use of sexual favors to compromise diplomats and other officials of the West.

I recall several security problems arising from heterosexual activities, but none involving a homosexual. I think heterosexual indiscretions will always be the military's greatest security problem insofar as the sex factor is involved. Note that the British are clamping down on heterosexual liaisons in their military.

They recently punished a young male officer and a female sailor who got together on a frigate during the Persian Gulf War. The couple pleaded guilty to being naked together without a reasonable excuse. Even if the military can be pressured into dropping the phony claim that a gay soldier is a security risk, the Pentagon is likely to fall back on the more vague argument that having homosexuals around, damage is discipline, good order, and morale.

This stigmatizing with generalities is wrong and most Americans know it. A Penn and associates poll released in April of this year showed that 65% of Americans favor admitting homosexuals to the armed forces, up from just 51% in 1977. Ask whether a gay person in the military who is doing a good job should be discharged, 81% said no. So why can't our military leaders walk out of the Dark Ages, stop their witch hunts, and grant basic rights and use the skills and resources of those who are gay?

It's from the North American syndicated news service written by Carl T Rowan in the *Houston Post* for Friday, June the 28th.

- We are obsessed with homosexuality in the military or the military is obsessed with it. And I can think of no other example that's so rabid about it than the Nazis up until the end of World War two while they were losing they still were obsessed with eradicating homosexuality out of their ranks.

- Oh, well.

- And then, of course, one of the best armies ever in the world were the Athenians who were the army of lovers.

- So here we are. We're here--

- And we're queer.

- And as always, I'm not just too happy. I don't understand why no one understands why I'm not happy. I went to see Robin Hood Sunday, and then I went to the tubs, and it's the same old crap. The bars were packed, no one was at Star Night 90. They said a couple of thousand people maybe.

- Yeah, if 2000 people, when I was there.

- The bars were packed, the bookstores were packed.

- How are the tabs?

- Dead.

- Really?

- That's why I came home and watch CNN. It was boring. No one showed up. I guess they might have showed up later, but no one was there.

That's because we have this guilt that-- we don't, I don't. Some of us have this guilt that we carry around because we are not proud to be gay, and I am. And until we start electing people like that young lady that was in here a few minutes ago by the name of Annise Parker and putting openly gay and lesbian people in political office, boys and girls, you're screwed. So I hope you enjoy it because you're going to get exactly what you deserve. And that's a good screwing from the government.

And if you think it's bad now, just wait till they appoint somebody to fill Ole Marshal slot. It's not going to be anybody like this 80-year-old Black man who's fought for us for 20 some odd years. It's going to be somebody who's going to help slam your closet door. No, they're not even going to slam your door shut because you've already done that. They're going to superglue your door shut so you can't ever get out.

I can only rest on the satisfaction that when they come to get me, I will be kicking and screaming, yes, I'm a screaming radical faggot, and if you don't like it, you can go to hell, and I don't care who knows it. And oh babies, please come out of the closet. Life is so short.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

That's Michael Cullen from the album *Purple Heart and Living in Wartime*. We certainly are.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

That's a great album. I don't know if you have it. But Annise was here a few minutes ago. She works down there at Inklings with Pokey, and I know they have it. So I need to check out this album. It's got some great stuff on it. Michael Callen and Purple Heart.

This is for a very special listener out there. I know who you are-- actually, I don't know who you are. I wish I did because he's one of those Houston finest driving around listening to us. And this is just for you, and I hope you enjoy it. Sorry, I'm about 15 minutes late. [LAUGHS]

I've got to go to a Union meeting the Houston Police support personnel Union. I know you heard all about that, everybody. I'm sorry. I don't want to keep talking about my job at the police department. But If everybody else was out of the closet, see I wouldn't have to talk about my crummy job. And if anybody out there has a better job, please call me. I'll be willing to start to work on Monday morning where I could work like 9:00 to 5:00 and make a whole lot more money than I'm making for the city.

But anyway, this is just for you, my man in blue, whoever you might be. I don't know who you are, but I hope you enjoy it. And I actually don't know who this is. Rainbow De Clown brought me this a couple of years ago and we've been playing it ever since. And all I know is it goes something like this--

- If you ever need a policeman, all you got to do is holler. They're always there right on the job. For instance, here's the best one that money can buy--

- Help! Please!

[YELLING]

- Someone call a policeman. I'm a real policeman. Oh, what I love to give you the third degree. While gazing at my sexy form, with rapture you'll be stricken. Take one look at me, fellows. In me, you'll find some chicken. A ruffian wants to fight me. I gave him one cold gaze. And as I really messed his hair, I says to him, I says, you're arrested, you're arrested.

Now come at once with me. We're going to the station and the Sergeant, she'll serve tea. Now stop that tittering, I insist, you horrid, horrid man, because I'm a real policeman. No, honest to God, I am. Oh, you're a large one, you are.

While walking down the street one day with my girlfriend by my side, she said, look at that horrible fistfight, I think I'll run and hide. But instead of feigning [INAUDIBLE], my smelling salts I drew. And dashing mascara on my eyes and to the spray I flew. So I says to him, you bugger, you're arrested, you're arrested.

Now come at once with me. We're going to the station and the Sergeant, she'll serve tea. Now stop the snickering, I insist, you horrid, horrid man, because I'm a real policeman. No, honest to God I am.

While cruising in my squad car last night, I came upon two lovely boys parked in the car. I'll be damned. There they are. So I shined my flashlight in the car and I says, OK, fellas, what's going on in there. One of the boys said, well, nothing officer, we're just sitting here talking, just chewing the fat.

So I said, well, how long have you been parked here. He said, about an hour, sir. I said, you mean you've been parked for an hour and nothing has happened? He said, no, sir. I said, well here, you get out and hold the flashlight, let me in there.

I'll never forget my toughest arrest was a bartender big and rough. He says, I wasn't a policeman, I didn't look tough enough. But did I ball him out, something terrible right then I call his bluff. And fluttering my kerchief in his face, I said, I've had enough. Oh, I'm so mad, I could spit.

So I says to him with authority in my voice, you're arrested, you're arrested. Now come at once with me. We're going to the station and the sergeant, she'll serve tea.

- Wait. Hold everything. Hold--

- What's the matter with you?

- You said three times the sergeant, she'll serve tea.

- Certainly. I said it three times.

- No, you mean the sergeant, he'll serve tea. You don't know your English.

- Well, you don't know my sergeant. Now stop that snickering, I insist, you horrid, horrid man, because I'm a real policeman. No, honest to God I am. Oops.

- Oh God. Now I don't know where the hell Jimmy is at. He's out there somewhere. Let's see. Michael Callen-- no, I said that already. A new album from Austin Phillips. Did I say that?

I should have asked Annise if they have got an Inkling. I don't think they do yet. I just got the thing out. I know they'll have it down there as soon as it gets here. Be political, not polite-- the brand new music album from Romanovsky and Phillips. Jimmy. Oh, here he comes. Did you get that taken care of, girl?

- You bet I did.

- Did you really? So you need to say if you need somebody to talk to and we're not here, even though we're queer--

- Yes.

- You can always call--
- The Gay and Lesbian Switchboard at 529-3211.
- And if you want to talk to us, you can call us on the *After Hours* hotline--
- At 529-4636.
- And if you'll get your pencil, we'll give you those numbers in just a second.
- Yeah.
- Well, Mary, what's been going on with you? I know you went to the parade.
- Yes.
- Was it hot?
- Well, you know, it was hot before the parade started. But right around parade time, the clouds, it kind of got dark and it cooled off quite a bit.
- Well, contrary to what they said, I was not doing a rain dance. So I mean, I love the parade. I would have gone, I would have loved to march. But we just didn't have the funds, baby.
- I know. It really only rained about the last five minutes of the parade. And about half the people kind of ran for cover. And the rest of them were like, well, what's a little rain. It wasn't a downpour.
- There's nothing like 20,000 queens running for cover.
- Yeah, it was not a good hair day.

[LAUGHTER]

- Well, if they can't comb their hair.
- Yes, I know.
- So what else is going on in your life?
- Stanley is back in town.
- Oh, really?
- Yeah. So I guess on this trip, I'll find out just how broke I am.
- Oh, God.
- Yeah. He cut me off and took away credit cards and all that kind of stuff.
- Really?
- Yeah.

- OK.
- What's been going on in your life?
- Wait a minute. Say that again.
- What's been going on in your life?

[MUSIC PLAYING]

- Sorry, girl. I just couldn't resist.
- I love this. I love-- I'm not going to-- I'm not going to tell you how old I was when this came out.
- You know what's funny? I told you last week that some girls at work were trying to fix me up with this guy.
- Yeah.
- Well, he wouldn't call me. He found out from somebody that I had been to the baths.
- What?
- So she told me, he found out you went to this bath place and he won't call you.

[LAUGHTER]

Isn't that funny?

- People don't understand.
- And I didn't have the heart to tell her. I really wasn't interested in him because they said he was over 6 foot tall.
- Oh, give him my number.
- These queens. No, Mary. She's probably doesn't like the French Quarter either.
- That's true.
- Anyway, oh God, what's going on--
- So your boyfriend's back, honey, huh?
- Thank God. 90.1 FM, KPFT, Houston *After Hours*. We're here--
- And we're queer.
- Yeah.
- And his boyfriend is back.
- That's a long story. I'll tell you that next week. I'm getting ready to leave.
- And I was really glad to see him too.

- Really?

- Yeah. He looks good.

- Yeah.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

In addition to the phone calls I got from people asking why we didn't march in the parade--

- Yeah?

- --I also got several calls and comments from folks about why we weren't mentioned in that article in the *Houston Press*.

- Oh, brother.

- That really hurt my feelings.

- I wish I knew--

- I was really hurt--

- I have no idea how that was put together. It's just all of a sudden, there are all these people.

- You know why I was hurt? Because when I saw that police officer on CNN in Los Angeles talking about how he came out at roll call, it really made me feel good.

- Yeah.

- And I will know how many other people-- I don't know. I have an idea that other people might be touched in this area if they found out there was an openly gay person working in the police department, doing something like this. And it didn't hurt me because my life goes on. I've got a Union meeting to go to in the morning where I just happened to be the president. Oh, God. Another job without any pay.

And I'm going to live my life. And as the Supreme Court falls apart around us, I am going to continue-- what is it that Martin Luther King used to say? I got to keep on moving on or something. And that's what we're going to do. Anyway, I'm going home--

- Life does go on.

- Huh?

- Life does go on.

- Yeah. And next year, we'll be celebrating-- this is our fourth year anniversary coming up in September.

- Yeah.

- And if we get a lot of pledges, which I hope-- we say that and they never come. But if we get that, maybe next year, I would to maybe have a float in the parade that we don't have to do. Maybe somebody could do for us.

- Excuse me?

- Like parades et cetera or somebody.

- Oh.

- And we just like get on it and wave at people. We don't have to do all the work, you know, Mary, because it'll be our 5th anniversary.

- We want to be the head Queens, is that it?

- We've been doing this for five-- [INAUDIBLE] I can't say that M word.

- No, no, no, no, no. Please.

- Well, I hope we can do it for five more years. I don't know. I would just keep doing it. I'm real happy with the way things are going. I mean, we got this great news segment from Frank. In fact, in about half an hour, we've got an interview coming up with Sharon Stone--

- From the Lambda group. Yes.

- And from the Lambda group. And next week, he'll have an interview with Annise Parker. Some great stuff coming up on the show. And--

- Yeah, we're going to run that tape at 2:30.

- Really?

- Uh-huh.

- I won't hear it. I'll hear it later.

- Oh, I see.

- Because I'm going to go home and go to bed. I have this nice looking man in my bed.

- Well, what are you doing here, Girl

- That's what I'm asking myself right now.

[LAUGHTER]

I'm trying not to call upon the soap box because I just don't feel like it.

- I'm really glad to see him back.

- Me too. I also hope that the police officer that called that wanted to hear the song, the gay policeman enjoyed that and I hope you find whatever it is you're looking for because the world sucks really basically. Actually, it doesn't. We could all get good--

- Well, that's true good. You kind of have to create your own life, your own garden of Eden.

- Yeah. That's what we're doing. And we try to do it here every week. And we don't always do a good job. And we don't always make everybody happy. But well-- what did my grandma used to say? They can get glad in the same pants they got mad in.

- What a wonderful line.
- And some of these Queens wear the same pants. I've seen them in them. Speaking of the Queen in the same clothes, where's that engineer you have? You're always ragging on their clothes. This is nice. Richard hung this thing for us to look at. But it's not big enough.
- Well, yes. Poor Richard.
- Anyway, if you ever want the insanity to stop, you're going to have to elect openly gay people like Annise Parker to offices like--
- You betcha.
- --the Houston City council. So kids--
- We need the representation.
- --wake up. Hello. Everybody wake up out there.
- Not going to be handed to us. We have to get out there and vote for it and fight for it.
- So what's coming up, Mary? Next couple of months. Not tonight. You're scheduling people, right?
- I am in the process of scheduling people.
- Do I have to find somebody else to do the scheduling, girl?
- Nah.
- Or are you going to do this?
- Actually, Frank's been doing very well here the past few weeks.
- No, I'm talking about people to come in and talk to us.
- Yeah.

[LAUGHTER]

Well, nobody wants to talk to us.

- That's probably true. Oh, well. I'll see you next week. You guys have a good show.
- Well, have a lovely evening.
- Listen to this. We'll be back in a minute. This is KPFT Houston, 90.1 FM *After Hours* radio, celebrating life from the heart of Montrose. We're here--
- And we're queer.
- Bye. Have a good week, kids.

[MUSIC PLAYING]