

- And of course, they're listening to us, sort of.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

And we're going to be celebrating the war now, and all of those dead young men that we have to look forward to bring home and bury, as part of the ever increasing ignorance of man, boys and girls.

- What I want to know is, where is Jesse Helms, now that there's something really obscene going on in the world?

- Oh, he's figuring out where they're going to get the billions of dollars to pay for this war. Anyway, we'll be back a little bit later, so hang on. This is KPFT Houston 90.1 FM.

[MUSIC - COVEN, "ONE TIN SOLDIER"]

- We're kind of lost and don't know what to say or do.

- You bet.

- Because of all this garbage. There is something I do want to say though. I saw this great looking cop the other day, beautiful cop. And you know, on After Hours, when we do it, like we normally do it, which is not like this. We are screaming, I want a cop, or I'm screaming, I want a cop to call. And that's because I know how wonderful it is to be an openly gay man, out, and not afraid, and not living in fear. And I see these guys at work, that I know that are gay. And they're so goddamn scared that somebody's going to find out. And I think that's sad.

And the other day, I talked to a guy who may or may not be gay, I don't know. Somebody else said that we should be friends. And I just said hello. And the next thing you know, you're playing all these mind games. You know what I mean? And I told him, I don't have time for this. Life is too short to play games. And I'm certainly not going to play games like that.

So I called him up on Friday morning, after I came home from the gym, and said, I'm sorry. I was kind of jerking you around yesterday at the advice of someone else. And I don't mean to play games with you. But I'm not a jerk. And I really didn't insinuate him. I really didn't appreciate the other guy making it look like I was a jerk. You know what I mean? And I'm just real tired of being the only queer at HPD, that has enough guts to stand up and say, I'm here, I'm queer, so what. And I really don't want a cop, if they're going to be so psychologically screwed, that they can't enjoy their lives.

- Or anyone else, for that matter.

- Exactly. I went down to CBC last night and touched some queen. And she came unglued. And I was like-- I said, excuse me, baby, I don't want to open a joint bank account with you or anything. I mean, it's not anything serious. I talked to a friend of mine tonight, Blanca, who also works at HPD, and was telling her how frustrating it is to be there, and be in that environment, and not have any friends. There was one lesbian, that I worked with in dispatch, that just left. She moved to San Diego with her lover. And it was nice to have her there to be able to talk to about just life in general.

And I just wish that one of these guys could get up the guts to come to me and just talk to me as a friend, not as somebody that's trying to get in their pants, or anything else, just as a friend. And I just really am tired of waiting and playing games. But that leads us up to what's going on tonight. We never learn. Because as you can see, if you turn the news on or listen to the news, it's going to be coming at you every 30, 45 minutes now because of the war. You're going to find out that mankind doesn't learn anything. We keep repeating the same ignorant mistakes over and over and over.

Someone told me tonight, on the way in, that this was the greatest war of our time. And I was like, child, don't you remember Vietnam? Oh, of course not, because you're not old enough. Don't you remember Korea, and World War II and World War I, when thousands and thousands of people died and nothing happened? We just got a lot of dead bodies.

And they're talking about how we have to liberate Kuwait and save the people from the Hitler who is Saddam Hussein. And those people have been fighting for thousands and thousands and thousands of years. And this little country, I thought we were doing a good thing, 200 and so years ago, when they got together with the constitution. And then, we got morons like Jesse Helms, and people like Stephen Hotze here in Houston, and Mark Weaver in Dallas, who try to legislate their beliefs on us.

- Well, like Martin Luther King said, the old law of an eye for an eye just leaves everyone blind.

- That's true. Anyway, we'll be back after a Pacifica news update at 1:00 AM. And Frank will be here with the news. But we're just going to take a break from everything. Because we just can't get in the mood. I can't get in the mood to come in here and play a lot of fun stuff and have fun, when I know that thousands of our kids may be dying. And they're not dying for the flag. And they're not dying for the freedom of us, boys and girls. They're dying for something that's much more important than that, that almighty dollar. And if you don't believe that, well, you should turn the radio real quick.

You see, this is what America is all about, the chance for people like us to stand up and say, wait a minute, this isn't right. People say you shouldn't support or you should support the government. Why? The constitution says, we, the people. We're the people who decide what happens to our lives. We elect those people. And if they don't do what is right, as considered by the majority, we get rid of them. And everyone says the law of the land and this is the law. Remember, kids, it was Hitler's law that put millions of Jews in the gas chamber.

- That's right. It was perfectly legal. It was his law.

- It was Hitler's law that put over 600,000 gay men to death. It used to be the law of the land that people who were black sat at the back of the bus, and ate at different lunch counters, and went to separate restrooms.

- And couldn't use the public library.

- Just because it's a law doesn't mean that it's always right. And if your mind is so closed, that you won't open it to what's going on around you-- I got into a big fight tonight, a little bitty fight with the cop over the radio at work. Because he said something about the war and how they had to get rid of Hitler. And I said, no. If we want to fight something, why don't we fight homelessness, and hunger, and ignorance, and homophobia, and racism.

But so be it. It's 20 minutes to one. And like I said, the Pacifica news will be here at 1:00 o'clock with an update, so stay with us. This is KPFT Houston. And I guess it's After Hours. But it's really not. And I don't know, what else, Mary?

- I don't know what to say tonight.

- [SIGHS] OK. We'll be back. Just listen to the music and hang on. Call us if you have anything to say, at 526-4000 or 526-KPFT.

- You bet.

- We know we're not the only ones that are frustrated with this. We'll be back in a minute. Here's John Lennon with some words of advice.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

Seems kind of stupid, doesn't it?

- Well.

- Playing songs about peace, when we know what's going on.

- We can't ever give up on that.

- But we're just so frustrated, we don't know what else to do.

- Well, we're used to that frustration, being openly gay and lesbian people.

- That's true. We did get a call from Larry with the Houston Coalition to Stop Intervention in the Middle East. And Larry said that the Houston Coalition to Stop Intervention in the Middle East is going to have an emergency meeting tomorrow, at 5:00 PM, at 1919 Smith. That's at the Mickey Leland Federal Building downtown. So the Houston Coalition to Stop Intervention in the Middle East will have an emergency meeting tomorrow, at 5:00 PM, at 1919 Smith, at the Mickey Leland Federal Building downtown.

Someone else called and said, what about protests now? And I'm sure there are other protests in the city that we just don't know about. So if you know about a protest that's going on somewhere in the city, call us and let us know, at 526-4000 and 526-KPFT.

- There was one earlier this evening at--

- Montrose and Westheimer. I think that was ACT UP. I don't know who was down there.

- Leslie was there. Edmundo from KPFT covered that.

- OK. This Way Out will not be heard this morning. In fact, we're going to tell you about it moving later on. But very good, an update from Pacifica, coming up at 1:00 AM. And Frank will be here later on with gay and lesbian news locally. So, we know you want to listen to that. And until then, we just got music for you. So just bear with us, kids. We've got some words from Bob Dylan, coming up before the news.

[MUSIC - USA FOR AFRICA, "WE ARE THE WORLD"]

So more in this country than other parts of the world, this song's really true. Because we are the people who have the constitution that says, we the people. And I think we've gotten really off base with not standing up for ourselves. Somebody called and said we appreciate you speaking out against the war. We do support this country. And we do support our troops.

- You bet.

- We just wish they weren't over there fighting for something like oil. They're not fighting for the constitution. The emir of Kuwait treated those people like crap before we ever got there. There's so many things going on. But it all boils down to that almighty dollar. And the question is, when is it going to stop? I don't know. We'll figure it out. Here's Bob Dylan. The news coming up at 1:00 AM, so stay with us. You're listening to KPFT Houston 90.1 FM.

[MUSIC - BOB DYLAN, "PEOPLE GET READY"]

- You know what, I do have one cop that I totally listen to. I hope he's not listening tonight. Because he'll think this is what we do every week. What a disappointment.

- This is not what we do every week.

- Girl, usually we're screaming, we're here, and we're queer, and come out. Well, there's not a war going on though on those nights. Hang on, Pacifica is coming up at one. This is 90.1 FM KPFT Houston. It's sort of out of the closet but on the floor After Hours.

- You bet.

- Right? [LAUGHS] You got news on the rally, or something?

- I do. That rally we were just talking about, sponsored by Act Up. That took place at the corner of Westheimer and Montrose. They have gone home to regroup. And they'll be back tomorrow, Sunday, 2:00 PM, at Montrose and Westheimer. So everybody, turn out.

- And once again, the Houston Coalition to Stop Intervention in the Middle East will have an emergency meeting at 5:00 pm, at the Mickey Leland Federal Building downtown. So stay tuned for an update from Pacifica news, in Washington, at 1:00 AM. And then, we'll be back. And Frank will do the news, somewhere around 1:30 or so. So stay with us. This is KPFT Houston 90.1 FM and not really After Hours. We're still here.

- And we're still queer.

- Yeah, so hang on kids.

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