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I need to break through every Friday morning from eight to 11. And hear what you've been missing through my head or lights



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in your life is you. And this Friday morning on breakthrough, they will be talking with



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romanovski and Phillips



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live here at KPFT. So you need to tune in for that. Ron Paul will be in concert here in Houston next Friday night, this coming Friday night. And remember, if you hear us play give me a homosexual by Ron Paul. And you were the 25th caller and say, Give me those tickets. You'll get a pair of tickets to the show today. Just that easy, right? We've got them too. Right.



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We've got them.



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That's That's true. So let's see what else is going on girl?



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What we have Matt on line two. Okay. What is that? Yeah. some information about what we

what we have had on the two. Okay. What is that? Yeah, some information about what we were just talking about, about the Republican judge.



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Okay. What's the information?



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Well, I don't have the names of the two judges. I know one of them is Rick boss. I've read read the article and and the one Republican sounded like alarm and the other one come out sounding like somebody who we ought to support because of the way that he worded his statement saying that he wouldn't renounce the endorsements that he had sought, basically saying it would be unethical to say that he hadn't thought something that you can't get without going and actively looking for. But the I wish I had their names.



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Frank's got it right here.



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Girl, I can't, I can't support a Republican. I don't care what



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he says. But the thing about is it and because of their platform, I feel the same way except that if they, you know, come out and Publican and renounced the standard that the Republican Party in Texas has. And basically, that's what this one judge is doing is repudiating that



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then why don't you become a Democrat? Well, that's like, that's like a Nazi saying Hitler's wrong, but I'm still a Nazi.



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Yeah, but the thing about it is, is it's like we've got a lot of gay leaders who are gay, and they're supporting programs and things that don't necessarily benefit us. Simply a label doesn't mean that somebody is good for us,



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then we don't need to support those gay leaders.

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Exactly, exactly. But this this Republican the way he worded his statement? Sounded, I mean, basically, he said that he's going to be fair to anybody, regardless of their gender or whatever.

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I wish him well, and I wish he would join the Democratic Party.

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Well, the thing about it is, is what have the Democrats done for us? You know,

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they, they failed have a lot more than the Republicans have done for us. The thing

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about it is is a lot of it is just lip service. It's the you know, there hasn't been any. There hasn't been any,

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listen, listen to this. This is from the Houston Post, okay. Saturday, October 27 1990. Consider this. All of the Democrats in the Senate. Okay. All of the Democrats in the Senate voted for the civil rights legislation. All of the Democrats in the Senate voted for the civil rights legislation. nine Republicans voted for the measure, and 34 opposed it. That's what the Democrats have done for us. But in the house, which approved the bill 273 254 239 of the Democrats voted for the bill. Only 15 voted against it. That's what the Democrats have done for us.

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Okay. They have done that. But are they are they pushing pushing through legislation? I mean, regardless of the of the anti bias, one that they're talking about here,

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are you getting? Are you getting behind those candidates though, and supporting them? Or are

you sitting by and watching what's happened to us? I mean, look, what this look what the Republican administration has done to this country for the last eight and a half years. I mean, let's be real. I agree. You know, George Bush has said all along, there would be no new taxes. And yesterday, they passed a tax bill that's going to do nothing but hurt us. I agree. And the rich are getting off just like they've always gotten off. The Republicans haven't done a damn thing for us, and they're not going to because we're not rich, and we're not part of that privilege. little few what?



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There were a number of Republicans who did vote for that bill. And those are the ones you want to keep in there. If you're going to that would send a very strong message to Republicans. I'm talking about statewide. You know,



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there were nine, nine, there weren't a great bunch. There were nine. Right? That's not even 10 fingers, baby. Right. There were nine. That's still that nine. And that nine she joined the Democratic Party?



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Well, there's a lot of hypocrisy in the in the Democratic Party.



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I agree. I agree with you. But the Democratic Party is not trying to screw you to the wall like the Republican Party has done over the last eight years in Washington. I mean, look at this guy we've got in Austin with Governor Clements, he hasn't done a damn thing for this state. And now we've got this high and mighty cowboy who thinks he has all the answers. I mean, his big thing is he's gonna have criminal criminals, bust and rocks. And we all know that that's not going to happen. Because the Supreme Court has caused that cruel and unusual punishment. They may want it to happen, but it's not gonna happen.



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The point I'm trying to make about these two judges is you've got one. I mean, both of them sought endorsement. Now once turning down the endorsement, after the things have gone out for a number of people aren't going to hear about this, and they're gonna vote for him. Anyway,



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I've gotten I already got into that. I don't think that any gay group should endorse anybody that has a platform that's against us. I don't care what how good they say they are.



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The thing about it is, is we could send a very strong message. If the judge who stood up stood behind the endorsement he fought from the gay group got a landslide vote, you know, from from the predominantly gay areas to Houston not as, not as long as he's a Republican. Well, how can you say, way too, but the thing about it is, is simply because someone calls himself a Democrat doesn't mean, Phil Gramm was a Democrat for a



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long time. I agree with you. And now he calls himself a Republican.



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But the thing about it is, is simply because they they call themselves a Democrat, doesn't mean they're going to be doing things. And there's a number of Republicans with principle, a few, a few those people should get our votes, the majority of Republicans should not get our vote. And the thing about is, is any Republican who seeks our vote gets from the far right, they get a lot of flack,



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anyone who votes for the Republican party gets exactly what they deserve. And that's what we've gotten for the last eight plus years in this country. And that screwed



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the thing about



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especially, especially gay people, though, Matt, I know, I mean, the Republican Party of Texas, don't you remember, they said they believe that homosexuality is a perversion of natural law, and is biologically morally and medically unsound. Exactly. And how can you say you're going to support somebody that's Republican when that's what they believe



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this one judge who came out and in public thought our endorsement is repeating ating?



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Why doesn't he leave that party then?



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Because simply because he doesn't believe in everything there. That's that's what a democracy is. I'm not when I walk into the booth, I'm pulling the straight flight ticket, but then you can go down and you can individually choose a few straight slate. That's



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the worst. What were you gonna say, Frank? Well,



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first of all, the judges name is Michael mixpad. And so you know, he's the one that's turning down the endorsement. And, you know, according to an article and one of the papers, he's saying that he did not seek the endorsement. Well, in order to be to be considered, you have to seek the endorsement. So he went after it, when he got it. And when he was pressured by Hautes, or hoped, see, however you say his name, the straight Slater. We know him from the past, is when he withdrew his in the endorsement, you know, so he was pressured into into withdrawing it. Now is the when you were talking about the not all Democrats deserve the endorsement. You're right. And that's why the Democrats in these two positions weren't endorsed. You know, it's not a a democratic Democrat endorsement committee, it is to find out the candidate that will serve us serve our interests. You know, it's about being gay. And, you know, with the platform as it stands, I don't see how you could rationally endorse someone who stands on that platform. Right. You know, maybe they should have not endorsed anybody. And



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that's true. That's all we said. That's all I said, personally. Yeah. Is it as a gay person, I wouldn't endorse anybody. Yeah, I'm not saying the Democrats have all the answers, please. I don't think any of them are. I don't think any of them have any of the answers. And I think they're all going to screw us. I really do. Yeah, I mean, there was a poll on CNN a couple of days ago that said that over 80% of America has lost faith in the electorate. Right? Nobody goes to vote anyway.



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Right? And but the thing about it is, is the only way you're going to because these parties aren't going to change. There's always gonna be a Democrat and Republican, the only way you're gonna get both parties behind gay people is whenever a Republican sticks out his neck like this one,



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doing No, no, no, no, no, no, no. The only way you're gonna get candidates behind gay people is when 30 million gay people come out of the closet and go out and say, Hey, we're here, and we're queer. And we got to don't give a damn whether you like it or not. And then they would come out and say, Oops, oh, maybe you're right. Didn't that didn't make it and they'll still hate us. Matt. Don't you understand that the the people who hate blacks and yelled nigger still hate blacks and still yell nigger, even though they have laws that protect the black people.



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I know that I work out Sugar Land. And so what what,



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what, what are we saying that just because we come out and they're gonna like us, they're gonna like us, they're never gonna like us, oh, racist. People are never gonna like blacks. When we got to stand together, and we're not doing that we're never going to do that.



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It's not a it's not a matter of people liking us. It's a matter of demanding our rights.



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Exactly. I don't give a damn, I know. I know that they don't like me, because I'm queer at the police department, but I don't I don't give a damn what they think. Exactly. Let them leave me alone. But I cannot will I cannot look at myself in the mirror and say, Well, I know they don't like me. But if I just pat him on the back and say, yeah, they're good people that sooner or later, they're gonna like me, that's crap. They're not ever gonna like me.



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Now, the thing about is, is what what politicians understand his boat. And what



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they understand is that there are 30 million gay and lesbian people out there that can vote their butt back to wherever they came from, just like Jesse Helms is gonna find out. Yeah, that's what they understand.



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30 million people. That's what's their queens don't care. They're out. They're out at the bars in the bookstores in the bars, if we can



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get those 30 million. That's exactly that's,



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that's the thing.



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Well join the GRP. See, and straighten that bunch out. That's what you should do.



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That's what it's gonna take. If you don't like what's going on at the GLP. See, you need to go over there and join, which I am about to do. And I know a lot of people that are going to do the same thing, because we saw what happened and we need to change and the only way to change in there. Well, it's you got to participate. Listen,



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baby, that power block has tried to shut me up for three and a half years. Yeah. You're remember you don't remember when we did the Harvey Milk rally. All those so called gay leaders are standing in front of us laughing because they didn't want to see it succeed. They're gay people that have never supported what we've done here. Yeah, I could care less. Yeah,



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one of the best things that, you know can come out of this is that we unify. And you know, what, what seems to be happening is this. divisiveness is just it's splitting the community. And so we're not we're not showing any strength. That's where they want it. Exactly. It's the position



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where they want us. Look, look what's going on in South Africa. Yeah, this white man, the white minority government has got the blacks killing each other by the hundreds and they could care less. Yeah, they're all setting back over T laughing about it. But the only way that's exactly that's exactly what they do to us people like Stephen Holsey and Anita Bryant, and Robert Briggs that that's all the same garbage.

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The only way they can do that, though, is with the acquiescence of the gay leadership. Now

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that gay leadership does that, Matt, the gay leadership doesn't have a damn thing to do with it. There's no leadership. There's no There's no gay leadership in Houston. There are gay people like Jim Owens and Jim Carrey, who will rewrite gay history like they did at the Metropolitan Community Church last year doing Gay Pride Week and tell you that they're the answer to all your problems. And that's crap. There is no gay leadership in Houston. So you can forget it. There's not any there's no gay leadership.

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You know if anybody has any plans of starting up a coordination and in Houston starting up a what? The group coordination that's, that's forming

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the coordination like in New York where they weren't around and with signs and say workwear. Get used to it.

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Yeah. And doing things like going in. Well, they just had it on this way out on going in and challenging people in their own neighborhoods.

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sort of like a free, radical way of coming out. Yeah. To the world, letting people know that there are gay people here. You deal with This every day, you just don't know it weren't gonna tell you



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marching in Montrose marching in like, ultra conservative neighborhood never



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gonna happen. Not in Houston, well, it may not happen yet. That's garbage it is gonna happen. Because you hear these queens say, it's never gonna happen, they can't happen money, people can't come out, they're gonna lose their jobs, they're gonna know. That's because they got you right where they want you, it's never gonna happen, what's gonna happen is, the gay men in this in our Houston area are gonna go to the baths into the bookstores, and they're gonna get what they can get, and they're gonna go to the gyms and get all pumped up, and they're gonna get real pretty, and they're gonna all jump on each other, and then they're gonna turn around and they're gonna be all old, and they're still gonna have a damn thing from the government. That's what's gonna happen.



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Yeah. Anyway, the point, the point I wanted to make is that you've got a Republican who's standing up and saying he doesn't believe in the Republican platform,



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then I shouldn't I invite him to come over to the Democratic Party. That's,



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well, there's a lot of things wrong with the Democrats. I agree. But he's saying that the part about gay people he doesn't agree with



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then he should come over to the Democratic Party. They do agree with that. That's what they say they agree with? No, that's what they agree with. No, wait a minute. Where is it here? Maybe they have to read this to you again. All of the Democrats in the Senate voted for the civil rights legislation. All of the Democrats who said that? It's from the Houston Post. Hell, it's, it's history. From the Congressional Record, all the Democrats voted for the civil rights legislation. Yeah, but that the one that President Bush vetoed.



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There's an analogy, there's a number of very bigoted people here, where I work. And they, you

know, they're always talking about niggers and stuff like that, and a black person will come in, and they'll be very nice to him. You know,



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I hear it all the time.



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And everything, but the thing about it is, is as soon as they walk out, you know, it's the same old bigoted shit.



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That's fine, though. At least they can get the services



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don't don't say dirty word.



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I'm just getting really frustrated. No, no,



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you should you should get angry and do something. Don't.



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I am angry, and I'm voting and I've gotten a number of my friends who've never voted before. I've got them registered, and they're



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voting good for you.



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Yeah, I think that's what everybody should do. That's, you know, reach out to their friends who just go to the bath and everything and explain to them how important it is. Okay, listen,



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we gotta go. Okay. Thanks, man. You know what it reminds me this letter I got from this kid because he was so angry at us. Do you remember that letter? Do you have that letter with you? Oh, thank you. Listen to this.



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Right there.



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Dear Mr. Johnston, please read carefully. I am confused. I'm confused about the things you say and do on your show. After hours. Actually, I'm only puzzled about one major thing, which I will get to later. For now, I'd like to comment on one of the things you said on last Sunday show when you were interviewing the young man from the University of Houston, you said something like this. There is no reason for men not to come out in the 90s. Well, I'd like to give you a fruit a few reasons why I can't come out this present time. First of all, I live with my parents. Or to be more precise with my mother and grandmother. You could not imagine, I think that changes that would take place in my house if they found out. Secondly, there's my dad. He doesn't live with me anymore since my parents were divorced. But he would quickly find out if any of my family members knew. He's a strict disciplinarian. And not only that, he's a Baptist minister. So you might be able to guess how he feels about the entire subject. Although I can't be absolutely sure how he would react, I have a good idea. There's also the problem about of upbringing and surrounding. I'm pressured into going to the same church my dad goes to, and most of the members there are very old fashioned. If they found out it would be like me walking around with a big sign around my neck saying, unclean. My parents were brought up by a certain way that's difficult for them to get away from. Moreover, I'm a person of color. And I think that part of the reason why people of my race, according to your show, have had a hard time becoming participants in organizations like GLSL is because of their environment. Yes, there's more. For me personally, it's a problem. Even though I've had some success in changing my personality. I'm still quite soft spoken at people with time around people at times. Perhaps it's because I continually associate with the wrong crowd. But nevertheless, it's If I came out, I would have to be completely ready to defend my positions on the subject. Why I came out? What is good about it? I don't really think I'm ready for this. Of course for many others, there is the problem of possibly being harassed and discriminated against at work. Fortunately, I wouldn't have this difficulty unless you consider school. So here are reasons for not coming out. I think they are valid ones for me, and perhaps others like me. However, today these reasons seem weaker than ever. Let me tell you why. I am not happy right now. I really begin, I'm really beginning to understand why I'm not being myself. And time is running out. The show last Sunday brought the feelings to an all time high. Listening to those college students talk, laughs so comfortably about themselves really made me reevaluate my situation. They're having fun. They're making a difference in their youth. Here I am 19 years old. And watching the days go by. I thought I could wait until I moved into the dorm at the University of the US tea or left the house permanently before I take place and community events. But now I think I can't I missing out on so many things. Among them are life. Love, joy, and true friendship. I don't know if you can

actually Fathom these feelings. I hope you try to do so. One of these upcoming Wednesdays I plan to go to a G LSA meeting. I hope they allow me to do something in their organization. Seeing that I am not a student at U of H I want to meet others like myself. I want to see myself. I want to know those many things. And now to the confusion. It is centered around two things. The first is your obvious concern for others. I know how angry you get when you see other people not doing anything to help the cause. Except maybe donating money. You call for people to come out and challenge them to join the fight. What I would like to know now is why? With all this apparent concern and drive when someone reaches out to you and ask for your help you politely reject him or her saying I have things to do or I'm too busy or call the switchboard. I don't want to criticize but you don't feel responsible to assist those who come to you in need. In this case me. Especially when the subject of needs hits so close to home. Aren't you a member of a community? What does that word mean? Well, the second thing you played a song requested and obviously sent. Now it wasn't sent child we played a song. And it wasn't even the song he requested. But anyway by a listener Mike. I sent you a tape and requested that you play a song from it, but it never was done. I waited for weeks nothing. Why did you play his and not mine? I think I know enough about you to realize that probably. You won't mail a reply to this letter. Even so I asked for one anyway. I know you're busy. But if you could find the time, I would appreciate an honest response. You don't even have to mail it. I can pick it up at the radio station. My school is pretty close. Let me make something almost perfectly clear. I like the show. Don't let make don't let my comments give you the wrong impression. In fact, I think the show runs a lot better. When you were there. Something seems amiss when you're away. Keep up the good work. Before I sign off, I'd like to make another song request. I'll even loan you my one copy of the CD so you can play it. It's number two bound in a nutshell. I think you'll enjoy it if you haven't heard it already. Can you play it for as many thanks for reading this rather long note. And again, I say on another subject. I've written what I think is one of my best poems, you might see it reproduce shortly. I wonder if anyone will scratch the cover of the Compact Disc? I hope not. Well add let me tell you something child. All these excuses you gave for not coming out are garbage. It's the same thing I said 20 years ago and it's the same letter I get from every other kid in town. You want to come out? If you get mad at somebody, you get mad at me, you shouldn't be mad at me, you shouldn't be mad at society. On one hand, you say the show is great. But on the other hand, you say you're mad at us. And it's just like Matt calling in. Well, this one Republican guy is good. So we should run out and throw our arms around him Bo Loney. One of my dear friends came down here a couple of weeks ago, Ray Hill, who I love tremendously, and wanted to come in and say a few words about the great Republican. And at the time, it wasn't scheduled. And we said no. Because, number one, I don't give a damn whether the Democrats or the Republicans like me, because I'm like, Matt, I'm gonna go and I'm gonna vote for who I think will do the best job. Now, when you have somebody like Clayton Williams, who wants to keep the sodomy law on the books in the state of Texas, and I'm a homosexual that loves to do you know what? Every chance I get, you can bet your sweet but that I am not going to vote or support Clayton Williams, and his barbaric, homophobic, racist, sexist ideas. Now then, the GRP. See, I wish them well. They don't want anything to do with me as a person. And I tried to be a part of that community. And I went down to the GLP See, meeting one time, signed up, joined all that stuff. later went back and they wouldn't let me in to vote because one little guy who was checking the names decided that he didn't like me, so I didn't get a vote. Then later come to find out I was a member and news. Nobody ever said, Hey, I'm sorry that I that's fine. My grandpa told me a long time ago, if somebody treats you bad, just don't go around them. So I just don't go around them. I hope people do go down there and straighten out the GRP. See, Larry lingo's one who's trying Larry lingo. Owl is one of the owners and managers of local bookshop. In fact, when our diagnose was

here and spoke at the G RPC dinner not too long ago, Larry said, Are you going I said, I'd like to, but I can't just take off work. I work evenings for the police department. Child, I went day shift. So I could get involved in all those community groups.



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Those community groups don't want no help. The parade GLP see the monstrous activity center. It's the one big click and they've all clicked in and they don't want anybody's help. Now, they'll tell you that they do. But they don't. Or if they do, they haven't proved it to me. Please remember to boys and girls, these are my own opinions. I could care less what those people do to me because they can't hurt me. I'm an openly gay man. In a damn good job with the city of Houston working in the police department since 1984. Come on the radio, do gay radio. That's what they hate. They can't stand it. But when I show the movie The times of Harvey Milk at the River Oaks theater and they won't talk about it, or they won't put out my flyers. Or when we do a gay radio show. We have PFLAG and the Texas gay rodeo people in the G LPC and even Ray Hill and all those other people who we don't always agree with, and they won't even talk about it or print it in their so called gay publications. They can go to hell, as far as I'm concerned. They're not hurting me. They're hurting you. That's what makes me so angry. They're hurting you ad. They're not giving you anything to look, look, look, look to what are you looking up to a bunch of Queens running around trying to stab each other in the back. That's all baby. That's why I get angry. I get angry because I go to the baths or the bookstores or the bars. And these men are so stuck up they won't even talk to you because they're waiting on Mr. Right to come in. He ain't coming.



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And all of those people running around in the bars. Think they have their freedom, but they're not even out and that's what being out means. It's meaning means I am a gay man. I'm or I am a lesbian. I am proud of myself. See, I am a viable person. That is the coming out process. And you can see it right here in its letter. He talks about the peer pressure and the beginning the reasons he can come out and it's all peer pressure. But then because he has listened to Jay OSA he understands what's missing out of his life and that these people from GE LSA, they sound like regular great people who are proud of themselves and this is what he wants



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because they are this is what he'll get



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Part of coming out as being responsible for your own life.



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See, that's what, that's a big



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That's what it's all about.



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And that's why you have people and you have to be responsible for your own life for yourself before you can come out to other people.



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And that's why those people at the GOP see and the Pride Week parades and all those other places can't stand me and cannot agree with what I say. And all I say is that we have to work together. Listen, babies, for almost three years, I beat myself to death, literally trying to impress those people, trying to get those people to listen to us trying to do something to get their attention. Now, I don't care if they ever listened to us, I don't care if they ever come to us. Because I know that we are right. I know that telling the truth. And being upfront with you, is more important than anything they are ever going to do. And it works. I know how important it is to be out on the job because I'm there every day. And if you think ad that it's hard to be out, you shouldn't be out in an environment as racist and as homophobic. And as macho as the Houston Police Department. You should go down there for eight hours a day, five days a week and set in a room where there are lots of people and nobody talks to you. Because you're the queer. Nobody talks to you. Because if they are seen talking to you, they might somebody think they're queer. It's no fun baby. No fun being out. And I can't be out because you're not out. And what we have to understand, and what I've been saying from the very beginning, is there between 30 and 40 million gay and lesbian people in this country. And until we all come out, and none of us are going anywhere. And people say, Well, it can't happen. There were those who said the Berlin Wall could not come down. And it did. There were those who said that communism would always rule in Romania, and Czechoslovakia and Poland, and we watched it fall apart in our very face. If those things can happen as quickly as they have the walls that surround us as gay and lesbian people can come down just as quickly. And they will. And you get angry at us. Because we don't play your songs or you get angry at us. Because we don't. Because we don't do what you think we should be doing. And we're not anybody special. We're just like you. That's that's the thing. That's why the so called gay leaders are so scared of me. It's not me, it's you they're afraid of because they know that in this country, there are 30 million gay and lesbian people who feel just like I do, who have been abused, who have been ignored, who've been treated like crap by them, and we're tired of it. We're going to come out strong and proud. And we're going to claim the heritage of this country that's ours. And we're going to make life work for us. Not for them. Not for the Democrats, or the Republicans or anybody else. But for us. That's what it's all about. And all these people like Dr. Holt see and Anita Bryan and everyone else that's ever come out against this, I welcome them to come out

and throw their lies and spew their garbage at us. I want people I want to know who hates me and I want to know who they are and where they are so we can deal with them. And I want all these other so called gay leaders to get out of our way They can't stop us. They tried 1978 November 27 He climbed in a window with a gun in his pocket in the basement of the substance highborn Cisco City Hall, one of the mayor's office and shot John George Moscone three or four times. Then he walked down the hall and shot Harvey Milk. And after Harvey had fallen bleeding, dying in the floor, he walked over and put a gun to his head and shot him two or three times. I've killed the queers. It's all over. We've only just begun. They can't stop us babies. That's why you're so mad at And that's why you're so frustrated, Matt. They can't stop us. That's what they're afraid of. And we don't have to impress them anymore. It's crazy. I've ran around for three years, trying to impress them trying to get those people to like us trying to get them to listen. Or 30 million faggots and dikes in this country. Do you think I need that? 10 or 20 that you see at the bookstore? Or that 150 wrapped in a towel at the bathhouse? It's nice for a couple of seconds that you look at him and go girl 30 million faggots? I don't need you or your attitude. So you should just go home. That's what they're afraid. And you should get mad. Who's that?



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Wherever call waiting.



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Push that button girl. Hello.



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Thanks. Thanks for holding.



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Yeah. And John. Jim. I'm sorry. I just wanted to say to both of you that I've been listening to you for the past year and a half. And so far, your show has been your show and KPFT has been the only sign of intelligent life in this particular part of the country have lived in for the past three years. And I've really enjoyed your show. And I just want to announce to you and to the rest of Houston that Vince is moving back to Los Angeles, specifically West Hollywood. Because I am sorry, this town has been choking me to death.



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I agree with you. Can I go?



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I was about to ask both of you. Both of you. And right here would like to come along. Maybe we get a lot of



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like Harvey said about the guy and the kid in San Antonio.



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went to California and leaves Texas for California again.



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You don't know the times that I have talked to Roger Rogers, my roommate. We've had a love affair and we were off again. And we were throwing each other out. But we've managed to be friends and stay together somehow as roommates for about six years. You don't know how many times I've said let's just pack up and go to hell with Houston. Forget KPFT forget the police department. Let's just go. But where you gonna go? It's the same everywhere. Everywhere you go. It's the same? Well, yeah, really? Maybe? I really it's the same.



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California, it's just a totally different mindset. From my experience. That's why I'm moving back. Okay, well,



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we wish you well, yeah, you're gonna be in LA. Yes, West Hollywood, you can listen to KPFK out there. Some very good gay programming there.



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I have a lot of admiration for you. And, you know, especially being an openly gay person working in of all places, Hell's Kitchen.



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I've been to dispatch.



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I've never been there. But I mean, just, you know, my were contacts or contacts that I've had

with HPD or going into the Municipal Court to pay a ticket, you know, just don't



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have those. Some attitude.



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And I was gonna ask, what is a typical day? What is a typical day for buddy at HPD? Dispatch. I mean, do people come by and say hello to you are other people that come on chit chat with an overly friendly to what what is your typical day over there?



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What is my typical day and HPD? Well, I go to I go in about 130. And they have roll call about 20 minutes till two. And I usually stand over in the corner by myself because I know that the people I work with will be nice to me. And they all speak to me. But they really don't have anything to say to me because we're in two different worlds. So it's a very lonely experience over there. Yeah, it really is. Until I go downstairs and then when I get plugged into Central Dispatch for Central. I kind of feel like I'm at home because even though there are other people in the room, I'm world occupied with Montrose and River Oaks in the ward. And I feel good knowing that I'm doing a little bit to help that and I I may be wrong. I think the officers that I work with really respect me. I know A lot of them don't agree with me, right? But I'm not afraid to tell them what I think on the radio. In fact, that guy get into trouble, more than more than I should for saying things that I shouldn't say. But I speak out a lot about the things that are wrong in the city. And it's not always a popular stand. But I've always I try to do the same thing I do here. I try to be honest with the people that I work



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with. I've always admired you and Ray for you and Ray Hill. And what I find even more disgusting here in the gay community of Houston. There you know, it just boggles my mind. When I discovered the Redneck homophobia, with the gay community, you know,



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that's funny, because when I first started doing after hours, I was sure I would lose my job at the police department. I haven't had any open aggression. You know what I mean? No one has actively can't come after me since I started the show. But the aggravation and the intimidation, and the resentment that I felt the most is from people within the gay community. And that's what's been so sad. That's why I'm saying that just kills me. I don't understand



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it. That's why I'm leaving. Because I'm sorry, that gay community here in Houston is choking itself. They're not going to be chilled, I have to leave.



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It's really aggravating. And I am serious. I went to work on the day shift. And the only reason I went days at HPD was so that I could get involved in things in the community and they don't want any help. Or at least they didn't want my help. And maybe maybe I can make them realize how they mistreat people because I have 100,000 watt radio station at my disposal, and they don't



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the previous caller, gay Republican, I am sorry. But the term gay Republican is an oxymoron. Like,



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I don't I don't think he's a gay Republican. I think he was saying we should support the one Republican guy that was



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my message to him is, you know, friend, baby, whatever. Part of the formula of being successful in life, or just part of the formula for surviving life is one having a clear and present picture of who your friends are, and to having a very clear picture and understanding as to who your enemies are to. That's true.



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I guess that's what's what's so fun about HPD I know who my enemies are. I just don't know who my friends are there. I see. Men and women who I think may be homosexual. But in three years, they no one has ever had enough guts to come up to me and say, Hey, I listen to you on the radio, and I really support what you're doing. And that hurts. Me too. Hmm.



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I have never met so many hateful people in one city and Houston. You know, it's amazing how people here try to pass themselves off as friendly. But the truth is, I have met more hateful people in this town that I've met in all southern California.



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I agree with you and I cannot help but say, I look at these people at work. And I know they're gay police officers. But why the hell would you want to come out in Houston? There's no There's no gay community that's going to support you. That's true. Coming out. The gay community here could care last girl you get fired and you're screwed. This kid this kid listened down in wherever it was in the middle of the night one an alum on after hours and was fired from his job. Do you think the gay community rallied and went to City Hall or rallied and went to wherever this man work? And protested? No, Mary, they were at the bars and the bookstores, snort and poppers passing out the loop. They could care less about this poor guy



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who was fired because he was awesome. After hours on his job. Yes, he called in and won an album and lost his job. Well, there's



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some some little company down in your pig town somewhere. Yeah. It's all in court. Now. I mean, sooner or later, he'll win. But the gay community not didn't rush down there to help him. It's sad. Very, very sad.



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And it's one of many reasons that I'm leaving this town. But in jail, yeah. And one thing I wish you could come with me and I'll leave as soon as I get to West Hollywood though. But if my address with KPFK studios, visit me in West Hollywood,



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I would love to



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and that clean welcome. See.



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I wish I could come over. What's your name?



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Vince, how long have you said you've been listening to the show? A year and a half? A year and a half. Okay, if you got to LA and you had said Have you heard something on KPFK? And I know it's not as radical as this even in Los Angeles because I've heard they're gay radio. It's nice. But

it's not this radical. Maybe what we do is really, really radical stuff. Even for Los Angeles, it's radical. So you get out there and you talk into these queens, you're gonna say, I heard this show in Houston called after hours. What are you going to tell him?



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Tell him that. Houston is a world unto itself as a very beautiful and powerful world.



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It's a very powerful world. You know why? Right? That's what we've been talking about all night. There's just something inside of us all so strong that they can't stop it. That's true. gay, straight, black, white, rich, poor. Those people that hate us as people that don't understand as those people who are so angry at us don't understand and it's like, AD and Matt have got it stirred up in them and they don't know what to do with it. And you're gonna take it to Los Angeles with you? Yeah, listen, good luck out there. And thank you very much for listening with us. I



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have a standing invitation to come out to West Hollywood and LA and Houston and the Montrose show by itself to death



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it's not going to happen because we're gonna we're gonna keep giving it mouth to mouth. The mouth does something every Saturday night at midnight Can we play a song for you? Sure. Take take this message to Los Angeles with you would you Sure well?



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Girl Up Our with my goodness. What happened? I mean, we got into a fight with Matt and I know it's two o'clock again. Didn't we just do this two



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o'clock all over again. Only this time. It's for real. It was



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three and now it's two. We'll figure it out.



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This is Robert bridges inviting you to join me on Friday, November 16. At eight o'clock at the University of St. Thomas Collin Recital Hall, for an exciting evening of chamber music will be featuring the music of Telemon Debussy and the world premiere of a new arrangement of cacophony of Cinderella sweet for Viola and harp recital is free and open to the public. So bring a friend and enjoy the magic of Cinderella. For more information, call 520639.



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This is Vicki new president of the Texas gay Rodeo Association Houston chapter here today. The Texas rodeo is coming. So stay tuned after hours and KPFT.



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Rodeo people? Well, Vicki called and she's sick. No kidding. Yeah.



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So some folks from the Texas GL. What is it?



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Teach era?



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I thought the G RPC was coming. No, no, no, no, no are coming to take you away. Oh, I won't say anything ugly about the G RPC. Okay. Thank you. Thank you, girl. Okay, and he did that. Do that again. Oh, thank you.



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You 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 were looking at the sky burning red with a sunset. Quickly a car drives up alongside of you you stop for red light. Suddenly the cars surrounded they circle your blanket coming in closer bottles are thrown out of car windows the sound of glass breaking baseball bats against metal hand grabs your hair glass at your feet in your face in your eyes, a fist across your face again and again. I quit tell them tell them.



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Homophobia can kill. Education is the only lasting weapon against bigotry. Which is why as a

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