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- What's that?
- Oh, I thought you were looking for your card. Do you have one? Oh you don't have a card yet?
- Not yet, no. Radiodrome drum is still just kind of on the ether.
- Oops.
- I'm sorry. Well, I made one cart for Wake Up and Smell the Coffee and that played for seven years. I had two, one of them died, but one continued on. Same thing back when I was Mike Frightened and Scared.
- And now the coffee's cold.
- Well that's right, and Radiodrome drum is the microwave.
- We've got Queer Nation in the lobby.
- It's got all kinds. Well, we got all kinds of people down here right now at the radio station who know what's going on.
- So Jay Lee stopped by to give me some advice for Marathon because you say we do all this great talking [INAUDIBLE] about the phone.
- I got to listen to y'all. I was driving back from Hampstead, and I was listening to you talk up here. And it's fascinating to listen to you guys talk. But I know that if I was listening in and this is the kind of thing that I really lived for, that I wouldn't want to miss a minute of it. I wouldn't want to go away because y'all might say something, because y'all were cracking me up. I don't understand some of this homosexual innuendo but some of it I catch.
- We do have a kit that converts your radio. If you like, turn it on and like, slap it over the radio.
- Y'all are practicing safe radio, right?
- In case you're heterosexually impaired.
- We have this kit that you can order. It's like \$29.95.
- Your radio pink, is that what it is?
- Why don't you slap it on the dial?
- You put a condom over your speaker?
- So we're doing it now.

- Well, it's not like-- Well, you need to ask for pledges. People need to realize that this is a viable source of information, that if you're laughing, if you're getting a chuckle here or there, if you're getting incensed, and you're getting mad, you need to realize this is the only place you're going to hear this kind of thing that's going on. And when you call up and you support the station, you're not calling up and making a public declaration of your sexuality or your race or your religion or anything. You're saying, well I like what I hear and I would like to be a part of what keeps this on the air. If somebody asked you to put a quarter into your radio every day so you could hear KPFT do it.

- Sure.

- For a quarter a day, that's only a \$90 pledge.

- You know who was best at this though? Jean Palmquist. Because that woman could talk until the phones started ringing.

- Well the people out there, they want to call. We just-- it's a matter of finding the, giving them the right reason to do it. You know, I was talking to Buddy earlier. He gets all this really morbid, depressed, you know, about what's going on and the state of the world and how he wants to change it, and--

- I really don't want to change it. I just want it to leave me alone.

- Well. But you want to go mess with it. You're in it's face, and you want it to leave you alone? You're on 100,000 Watt radio station in the fourth largest city in the country.

- Ooh that's scary.

- And you're poking your nose into everybody's business as you go, well I wish they'd leave me alone. You're lying, Buddy, that's all there is to it.

- Everybody says, how come the police department don't bother you?

- Because if the world woke up and left you alone, if everybody was out of the closet and everybody was doing right and being good with each other, you wouldn't have a purpose and you'd just shoot yourself.

- You'd have to play like Madonna.

- Yeah be playing non-stop Madonna and techno-pop and you'd just be dancing and you'd have drag shows in the lobby and it'd be all right.

- We've got that anyway, yeah.

- I wasn't going to mention your frilly outfit, but. Miss Camp America.

- But OK 526-5738 or 526 KPFT. That's the number to call. See. I hate doing this because there's nobody down here to help us do this. Because this one, doesn't she just sits there and looks at you like, well.

- Well obviously--

- When you're going off on your soapbox there's no getting--

- Boxing I'm trying to marathon. I'm trying to marathon and you're just like sitting there with your jaw open--

- That's right.

- Like you're at the French Quarter.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

[LAUGHTER]

I want you to know you're obviously doing what it takes to upset a lot of really repressed straight people, because I was mentioning to Buddy here, I was over there at the House of Pies watching the Queer Nation thing go on,

- They were shouting obscenities at us.

- And people were driving by going you know, Oh, give me a little credit, Buddy. They were saying, you know, quack the fears.

- That's very good.

- I'm sorry. She gets all upset and says things.

- Well, so somebody must be listening in to know that the Queer Nation was down there, right? Queer Nation was getting some harassment, right? We all getting some harassment, people driving by?

- Queer Nation's here right now.

- Wait a minute, you guys are with Queer Nation?

- Yeah. We got-- just speak up loudly.

- You were down there? Who are you? What's your name if you want to say so?

- My name is David Parnell.

- And?

- Angie Puleet.

- Sarah Gutierrez.

- Michel.

- Michel. OK. We have the cautious Michel. That's OK. You know you're going to be OK.

- So what was going on down at House of Pies? We called them but they wouldn't talk to us.

- We heard it.

- Oh really?

- Protesting and listening at the same time.

- Oh really? That's cool.

- Waiting for the Madonna songs.
- I really wish we could drive down there with a mobile truck and broadcast from the parking lot of House of Pies. Wouldn't they hate that?
- Well like I said, it was scary crossing the picket line to get to the phone.
- So what was going on down there, folks?
- Well, everybody's aware of the green sheet problem?
- Oh you bet.
- OK. House of Pies originally said they were going to remove the green sheets. They decided, the owner decided, well, what the hell we'll put them back. Can I say that?
- Yeah. Hell is fine.
- We'll put them back, you know. And that's OK. They want a nice, heterosexual college kid hangout now. They don't want anybody else.
- Hey baby, they can have it.
- They don't want a bunch of queers down there, right?
- They want to exploit the queers, you know? Why do straight people go to House of Pies?
- To watch us.
- We're not going to be there anymore.
- And they're going to lose all the business.
- All I have to say is House of Pies did not do a booming business tonight. Charlie's was packed. Packed.
- So our little, our roving reporter was down there and he said that people--
- Well there was a line to get in at House of Pies. I know you all were doing a really good job a lot of people were turning away. There was still a good sized crowd in there. I don't think they were suffering.
- Oh no.
- No they were probably able to shuffle them in a lot quicker but there are still people walking by.
- Most of the people we saw walk by were the bimbos and their boyfriends. And hey, that's no loss. They want that, that's fine.
- Those are the ones that are coming there to look at the guys.
- Yeah.
- See everybody--
- They look at people dressed like me.

- Right.
- Because they take them.
- If you want to see somebody dressed Nellie and acting like a queen don't go to House of Pies. Come down here right now.
- And bring a donation because we take cash.
- That's right. If you don't have time to go to a phone you could just like drop by the station with a \$20 donation.
- At 419 Lovett Boulevard.
- That's one block south of Westheimer, three blocks east of Montrose, on your way to the House of Pies. So when you're going to the House of Pies to get a green sheet and a cup of coffee you can come by here and donate your \$20.
- Ask them if they have a fruit pie. How much are your fruit pies?
- They'll probably cancel those.
- OK. Is anybody in the lobby? Is anybody out there?
- Richard, I believe, is standing by.
- You did get some calls while after your long reign it sounded like.
- So Richard, are we doing anything?
- Yes we are doing something. We have some people to thank.
- All right.
- Well we have Shelly who has made a generous pledge of \$50, which gets her a subscription to the program guide.
- Oh and Shelly if you come down and pay your pledge between 8:00 and 5:00, you can get your pick of an extra premium, a premium of music on record or CD or anything like that.
- And we have Don listening to us out in Porter.
- Hey, Porter.
- So we know they're out there.
- Oh yeah.
- Way out there.
- We have good supporters from outside the Houston area.
- Supporters.
- And.
- Yes?

- And we have Thomas to thank.
- Thank you Thomas.
- And let's see, we have an Anonymous to thank.
- That's probably our biggest supporter, is Mr and Ms Anonymous.
- Ms Anonymous here, who also gets a subscription to the program guide.
- Terrific.
- And we have Barry to thank.
- Thank you Barry.
- And he also gets a subscription to the program guide. And he says here he likes the show and we're doing a great job and it doesn't take three years for someone to donate because he's only been listening a few weeks.
- Aha. We made the point before that sometimes, on the average, that it takes the listener to KPFT about three or four years before they pledge money.
- That's true. It took me at least four years of listening to KPFT to realize, exactly. For the click that donations were important. And I tell you what when I made that first donation I really felt superior to my fellow human being. I really did.
- Doesn't that make you feel that way? Yeah.
- It certainly does. And there's nothing wrong with that. It's a good feeling to be that politically aware or that conscious of your environment that you're actually taking an active part in it.
- Yeah, because there is nothing wrong with checkbook politics, because the people on the other side that have kind of a small checkbook kind of need that to keep going.
- Absolutely and maybe don't have time.
- Whether it be KPFT or the Switchboard or Queer Nation or anybody, they need the bucks.
- Your action, if it's just going to the phone and calling us at 526-5738 is just as important what Queer Nation was doing down at House of Pies tonight. It's just as important as the job that Buddy is doing here on the air by bringing this to you every week. You are just as important when you call us up and pledge your support to the radio station. It's all the same thing. We're all working together. And that's what's real neat, is this sense of community that we've got going here.
- OK Richard. What else you got?
- Yeah. I have one more here. We have Mike. We have Mike to thank.
- Thank you Mike.
- He likes the station and he listens to After Hours. He is straight but he is taking a stand and he is taking a green sheet.
- Good. Good for you.

- So there. And that brings us to \$560.
  - OK, well, we've got a ways to go but we're doing OK.
  - We got 40 more minutes but we can do it.
  - I think so.
  - Need to call 526-5738. And if you're living out in Porter or somewhere further out You can call 1 800.
  - Yeah, that 1 800 number.
  - Yeah. What is it?
  - 1-800-333-5738.
  - Oh, OK.
  - So let's get back to Queer Nation. How many people were out there tonight protesting?
  - Well we had two protests tonight. We had one at midnight and then we decided come back at 2:00. We had one from midnight to 1:00 and then we decided to come back at 2:00 during their peak hours.
  - Hit the bar crowd.
  - Exactly.
  - So is there anything else planned for them, for House of Pies?
  - Well no. Actually, we didn't have any plans for House of Pies till we had-- till today during the protest at Randall's and Stop and Go and we have a--
  - Oh wait a minute. This is something new? We didn't talk.
  - OK.
  - Yeah let's hear about this.
  - Randall's, of course, there problem causers.
  - Yeah.
  - Yeah, you remember that?
  - What's the hell--
- [INTERPOSING VOICES]
- You're remarkable, Randall's.
  - Oh, do you remember that? Remember that, back when they put in their little store and then we were going, one store hates you all they don't like faggots and dykes. One store hates you all, they don't like--

- They are?
- We sung that for months.
- Adamant on this. They are not going to budge for the gay community. What a shock.
- Yeah.
- So Stop and Go. Circle K is supporting our boycott.
- All right.
- All right Circle K.
- Yeah so for each store that is not supporting the boycott, there is an equally or better store, obviously better store, right down the street so go find out.
- Wasn't there a list of somewhere of the people that were supporting it in The Voice or This Week in Texas or something?
- Really?
- We're updating because more people are coming over and saying, well, gosh, you were right all along.
- So Queer Nation meets like every week, is that right?
- Every Tuesday at 7:30 at the Montrose Palace, which is on the corner of Commonwealth and Nevada.
- What's the number too, do you know? Because somebody called and asked me at home and I don't know what it is. It's a new number.
- It's a new number on the Twit.
- Oh, OK. In the back of the Twit in the guide section?
- 526-5738 or 526-KPFT. We're taking your pledge and one of the reasons we need money is we wanted to do things before. Jimmy and I we started out to, what? A couple of things. To record speakers. To go, like House of Pies is having a protest and we want to go down there and record it.
- Yeah.
- And it takes a special recorder. You can't just go to Radio Shack and buy a tape deck.
- And there's like \$300 or \$400.
- And we got a couple of those here at the station and we didn't have the equipment. And like, if it wasn't for Jay Lee tonight calling in live, we wouldn't have had anything live from the House of Pies because we don't have the equipment. It's like all these big radio stations, they've got all kinds of stuff like that and we don't.
- But I want to make one point here, Buddy, is that this money would really be nice if everybody that was within the sound of our voice right now was pledging we could afford those really, really nice extras.
- That's true.



- But your pledge is not going to buy us a new mobile van. It's not going to buy us these recorders. It's paying the basic things. It costs \$45 an hour just to run the station.

- Almost 50 bucks an hour, yeah

- So that's electricity, the water bill, the rent, routine maintenance, not to mention when an act of God zaps our transmitter.

- Like every time it rains, the water is coming down. I mean, look at the hallway right now. The ceiling is coming down.

- Buddy is not making a cent for what he's doing. He's getting ulcers. Actually this show is probably costing him money.

- Oh I think any--

- No, it's not anymore, because I'm not spending money on this show.

- No well I'm talking about medicine and lost--

- No it doesn't bother me anymore. I'm telling you. It's about the value.

- OK.

- It used to. I'm going to go to work. And I'm going to work and I'm going to make money for Buddy and to hell with this show. People don't want to call and support it, that's their business. It's just like, you don't want to support, you want to go down there to the House of Pies and eat their homophobic food? Go, honey. I'm not having anything to do with it, because enough is enough is enough.

- Richard, has anybody else called? No? Yes?

- Here we go. We're taking some pledges right now.

- OK. 526-5738, 526-KPFT. Richard, how much money have we made and where are we at?

- Well.

- I know It's not very much.

- Well we're up to 560.

- 560?

- What's your goal?

- Oh I don't know, 10,000?

- What do you want to make? Realistically, what do you to--

- \$2,000.

- \$2,000. You're at 560, you've got 35 minutes to go.

- 35 minutes.

- Absolutely.

- For \$1,440.

- 526-5738, 526-KPFT. That's the number to call. Richard, we'll check back with you in a minute.

- OK. 526-5738, 526-KPFT. It's only going to happen if you help. You get it? You got it. 526-5738, 526-KPFT.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

What do we want? Gay rights! When do we want it? Now. Come on and say it so they can hear you in the capitol! For love and for life, we're not going back! For love and for life, we're not going back!

[MUSIC PLAYING]

Come on and say it so they can hear you in the capitol! For love and for life, we're not going back! For love and for life, we're not going back! For love and for life, we're not going back! For love and for life, we're not going back!

[MUSIC PLAYING]

- 526-5738, 526-KPFT The reason we're frustrated is because while we're talking about not going to the House of Pies, and not going to Randall's, and not--

- Buying the Houston Post,

- And not going to Stop and Go.

- The guy down the street from you who is gay and in the closet is continuing to benefit from the steps that people like Juan Palomo are making and it makes me mad as hell. And it's time that we stood up and tell the gay community, hey you want to stay in the closet, you want to rot? That's fine, but leave me out of this.

We're proud and we're going to make a stand. And the stand is now. The time is now. And you can be a part of it. You can be anonymous. That's one of the best supporters we have at this station.

- You betcha.

- You don't have to give your name and address to us so that we can send you a big letter that says, I call the gay radio program. It's going to come in a little envelope that says KPFT. It doesn't even say anything about After Hours.

- Not at all. You are donating, you are pledging money to KPFT during After Hours.

- 526-5738, 526-KPFT. It's-- we've only got a little over \$500. I would like to get \$2,000. And you say, well, we can't do that. Look,

- We can to do it.

- A handful. A half dozen pledges at like \$90.

- Yeah.

- You get all kinds of stuff like the Marathon and like the premium guide. Like, I can't think Mary, like the program guide.

- Program guide with anything.
- And records and CDs.
- And if you come down and pay it in person, and you don't have to pay it all at once. You can pay 10, \$20 a month if that's your situation.
- We've got all three of Romanovsky and Phillips albums and CDs. I don't know what they've got left, but all it takes to get something good is to make a pledge. It only takes a second.
- Yeah. We still have t-shirts and caps and all of that kind of good stuff.
- Go to the phone and call us at 526-5738 or 526-KPFT.

Jim just brought me a pledge right now from, is it OK to say the name over the air? Yes. From Bill calling from Spring.

- Thank you.
- OK wait a minute. He was fired from Compaq computers? But this is his second show, first was last week. We need more rights. Just because we're homosexual doesn't mean we're not human. Was he fired because he was gay?
- Jim?
- Oh, you don't know?
- Were you fired because you were gay? Call us back and let us know. Call us at 526-4000 and let us know, Bill.
- Yeah.

- The man was fired and he just made a pledge. It's like Juan Palomo said last week. I was fired because I wrote an article and said that it's awful that Paul Broussard was beaten to death. I have the ability to stand up and say, this isn't right. Paul Broussard is dead. His life is over. He is never going to have the opportunity to stand up and say nothing. I don't even know if the man ever heard this show, but he never will now because a handful of idiot kids came down into Montrose to beat up queers. And Juan Palomo is right. Their community and their churches and their schools basically said, hey it's OK to beat up faggots.

- Yes. And that's been going on for years. That's what we're fighting. It's not just gay rights involved here. It's human rights.

- 526-5738, 526-KPFT. Visa, Mastercard, American Express. We've got less than 29 minutes. And I would like to raise as much money as possible just to let the folks upstairs know that we can do it. I know we can do it the gay and lesbian community has got beaucoup amount of money in our vaults. They're not all stupid like me they don't a volunteer their time and spend all their money on radio shows, so I know that they have money. I know, what am I saying? I know they have money. I know you have money. You're the one that listens.

I also know that there are a lot of you who are straight. I know you're the straight person who listens every week and you've learned a lot, just like our friend from Arkansas, Pat's brother is gay and she sends this show to him and she's learned a tremendous amount, she told me, by listening to the program.

I cannot tell you the number of letters that we've gotten from young people over the years who have said, I started listening five years years ago. I started listening three years ago. And now, because of you, I'm out and about. And I can't even tell you what that makes me feel like.

- Yeah.
- It's like the kid--
- Feel disgusted with yourself for affecting those children that way!
- It's like the letter, it's like the letter we got from this kid that called tonight.
- Yes.
- And he called and he wrote and he said, you know I'm 15 years old. And he sent us a picture. And then the next week, Jay you should see this letter, he sent us a letter the next week and said, my name is Brian and I sent this letter and I even sent you a picture. Like this kid thinks we get like 20 million letters a week and we forgot about his.
- Every letter is special to us.
- Every letter is very special.
- Well, yeah. You guys realize that the percentage of people that are actually contacting you, it's only a percentage of the people that are listening. There are people, just thousands of people that are sitting there just huddled in a corner scared to death of the world.
- I know and I think it stinks.
- And it's really a sad state of affairs, you know, that they've been mobilized by the persecution that goes on in the world that where they can't even go to the phone. Where they're just have been so inundated with hate and with crime and with violence that they've lost any sense of compassion or and apathy that just, it's paralyzing. And I know what that feels like. I succumb to that now and then. I just, I go, well, what could I possibly do? It really won't make a difference. I just don't see how I can make a difference. But I've seen what this show does for the gay community as far as a lot of the organization and the action that has been going on. We've had a tremendous amount of people in here over the last four years.
- Yes.
- And we'll continue to have people in here. That's our greatest asset.
- Well find out because we're going to go right into this.
- OK.
- Find out if he-- find out why he was fired.
- But if you support this station and you support this show right now, then you're going to help keep this activism alive. It's just it's really important that the station raises the money to stay on the air to provide these viewpoints.
- That's what it's all about. And I get it. I take it personal. I do take it personal when people say, well, it's all you. That's not true. Because for four years, we've tried very hard to bring groups like Queer Nation in here, to bring people like the Gay and Lesbian Switchboard in here, to do things out in the community, but that takes energy.

I can't work on doing things for you if I don't think that you're supporting what we're doing. It's real hard to come down here every week if I think nobody gives a damn. If you don't call and make a pledge that's like telling me, well we don't really care, we're not going to support it.

In 1988, on the 10th anniversary of the death of Harvey Milk, we did something that was wonderful. We did a celebration of life rally on the steps of City Hall in Houston. No one in the gay community supported it. Nobody. Nobody. We put out news releases trying to get people to come to the meetings. Nobody showed up. Nobody. The River Oaks Theater and Lobo were the only two people in the community that supported us. The River Oaks Theater gave us that theater for two weekends, and for two nights and we showed the Times of Harvey Milk to about 1,000 people.

- It was wonderful.

- On Friday and Saturday nights. For free, kids, all you had to do was show up. And people saw that movie for free.

There were gay people who wouldn't even talk about that program on this station because of whatever reason. I still don't know why.

- I don't know those kind of things bother me. But the reason I'm saying about the celebration of life rally, someone just came in and said, would you play From a Distance? Yeah we will. We broadcast it live. And it's really wild because that night, I was so wound up. It took so much energy to get people there. Harry Britt came from San Francisco, the man who had sat in Harvey Milk's chair for 10 years and spoke to us. He could have been in San Francisco that night where 40,000 people marched, but he was here in Houston and stood in front of about a hundred, and said some wonderful things. And then Heartsong got up to sing.

- Oh, what a night.

- And they sang From a Distance. It was really wonderful. And Jimmy, if you will rattle for a second.

- And we got that on tape. As a matter of fact, there's an allusion to that, because John Borgo wrote an article for The Advocate that just came out. And he was talking about how in the past how lame the gay and lesbian community has been talking about the Harvey Milk rally, how few people were there.

- The night that Paul Broussard was killed I was so devastated, because I thought, Oh, Christ. Another gay bashing and nobody's going to give a damn. And I found out that Queer Nation was going to protest, and I've been so interested in Queer Nation because, hey, I'm a queer, what can I say?

- Yeah.

- And I took off work that night. And went down to the protest and I thought, there's going to be maybe 50 to 100 people at max. And there were over 1,000 people who sat down in the middle of Montrose in Westheimer on a Saturday night, kids, and stopped traffic for over an hour. And the Houston Police Department, those redneck people who don't like us? They gave us the street. Captain Brown from special ops, he said, hey, I think we just need to back up and you can march around and scream and yell until you get tired and go home. And that's exactly what they did. And the police did that for us. They could have came down there and said, hey get the hell out of the street, but they didn't. They were there because they knew we were right and they let us speak out.

Anyway, in 1988 on the steps of City Hall we had something called the Celebration of Life Rally. Harry Britt, who grew up in Port Arthur, flew in from San Francisco to speak to us that night. And as Harry spoke I realized that it was OK. But before he finished, or shortly before he spoke, we had Heartsong there, the Houston Area Women's Chorus, and they sung a song called From a Distance. And I had walked-- we were on the steps of City Hall, I had walked down to the end because people had lit candles and it was very pretty. And they sang this song while I was standing down at the end of the reflection pool looking back at City Hall, and I said, Yes. This is right. I don't care if no one in the community supports it, it's right.

Just like this radio program is right. Just like Queer Nation is right. Just like the protest against Randall's was right. Just like the green sheet is wrong. And you have every right to stand up and say that it's wrong. This is what Harry Britt said, listen.

- I'm here partly tonight to say some good things about Texas. I'm proud to be a Texan. I know that I could not have heard Harvey Milk's challenge to me had not something in my life in this state prepared me to hear the word of freedom that Harvey spoke to us. I am here tonight because it is time that all of us who love this state that gave us life and has nurtured us and taught us our values to stand up and claim the history of this state for freedom and justice and human respect away from the forces of narrow mindedness and bigotry that too often dominate the politics of the state of Texas.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

- Wait a minute.

- What?

- It's too early for that song. That's the song we leave with. What's the deal?

- The deal is it's time to call and make some money. Say it so they can hear you in the capitol. For love and for life, we're not going back. For love and for life, We're not going back. For love and for life, we're not going back. For love and for life, We're not going back!

- I think that's Robin Tyler on the stage leading the chant, for love or for life.

- They got to understand something. We are not talking about crutch politics. This is not a movement from the waist down. We are talking about our right to love and to choose and to live. I don't care about straight providence, and I don't care about great understanding. You better hear me in Washington. We are demanding. We are demanding our civil rights!

- Louise?

- Yeah?

- We've got, how long do we have?

- Oh, about 15 minutes.

- OK, about 15 minutes. And we need to raise some money. I don't know how much money we need to raise. I would just like the phones to start ringing because it's very important that we send a message to management that we do have an audience out there who supports what we do in the middle of the night.

- You've been listening tonight. You've heard the interview with the Gay and Lesbian Switchboard.

- That's true.

- And the live interview with Jay Lee out at the House of Pies with Queer Nation.

- And that's what we operate on. We do things on the spur of the moment, because we never know, really. We never know coming in here what's going to happen.

- Next week we've got the Montrose Counseling Center as guests. We've got Queer Nation coming up in weeks to come. We've got Queer Nation. We've got MAC. We've got Gay Fathers. And we're planning it all right now. It's incredible what we've got coming up for you.

- And in order to keep it coming your way we have to pay our share of the bills. It's like electric bills and phone bills. The little bitty things that keep us going. It takes about \$45 to \$50 an hour to keep the station going.

- And what, we do this three times a year. You know that. And because we have to do this what you don't hear is all of those cola and car commercials every five minutes that drive you to distraction, you know how it is when you listen to the commercial stations. A commercial comes on and you switch to another station, right? And you keep switching until you hear some music or whatever it is you want to hear. And sometimes you keep switching and go all the way through because there's commercials running on every station at the same time.

That's not what you listen to radio for. You listen to radio for shows like this and for all the other wonderful shows that you hear on KPFT without commercials.

- And Jay Lee's right about one thing. You pick up the radio and you turn it on, and you don't want to call us because we're doing something that you don't want to miss, either because it's funny or because it's serious or because it's important or whatever. Well, now this is important. We're asking you to please go to the phone and please pick it up and please punch in the numbers 526-5738 526-KPFT. If you're outside of the Houston area you can call toll free it's 1-800-3335738.

- What is it?

- 5738.

- OK. Thank you.

- Richard, there's a lot of people out there in the lobby, right?

- Yes, there sure are and they're ready for these phones to ring.

- Are the phones ringing or have they rung?

- They have rung. They're a little bit quiet right now, though.

- How much money have we raised and how much are we away from that \$2,000 that I want?

- Well we're up to \$725.

- Hey.

- \$1,200 away? \$1,300 away?

- Yeah. Something like that.

- \$1,275 away.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

- Do we have anyone to thank?

- We have some more thank you's here. We have three.

- OK.

- Thank Bill.

- Thank you, Bill.

- For his \$50 pledge. And all three of these are new members here.

- Great.

- We need to thank Philip from calling all the way out in Clute.

- Clute, Texas.

- Hello, Clute.

- Hey, Clute.

- He says he wishes the signal was a little stronger. But with additional pledges that would be more of a reality.

- That's very true. That's true because money goes to things like improving the tower. That's one--

- We love to hear from you out there.

- Pacifica was talking about increasing the tower and improving our tower but we had some problems with one of the Pacifica stations in Washington and they got all the money. But we had talked about moving into a new building because this building is falling down on top of us but it takes money to do that. And we didn't have that money. We didn't have that money because you are not calling to make the pledge that will keep us going. When we have to go into our big till and take the money out to pay the lights and the phones and the basic little things, then we don't have the money for the improvements that we need. We don't have the money to buy equipment. We don't have the money to buy new buildings and to move. And if you continue to not support us, we'll just continue to give you the good radio that could be better.

I keep saying KPFT is like a diamond in the rough.

- Yeah. We're already good radio but with a lot of support we could be so much better.

- We've only got about 12 minutes and I would like to raise as much money as possible. We're talking about a pledge of \$90, which is less than \$0.24 a day. I mean, you spend more than that on Coca-Cola and Pepsi and Dr. Pepper and Diet Coke and all that kind of stuff.

- All goodies out of the machines at work, those Ho-ho's and Yo-yos and all of those kind of things.

- We could take it as a pledge where we send you a bill and you say I'm going to make this pledge and send it to you in the future. Or we can apply it to your MasterCard, Visa, American Express, Optima card, and have the money in the bank on Monday so that the station can begin using it right away.



I don't hear the phones ringing. 526-5738 526-KPFT.

Please make us feel good. Please call us and make a pledge. I don't want to beg but that's what I'm doing, because it's important that management understand that we have an audience that supports us in the middle of the night. It's very, very important. And listen folks, there are a lot of young people who cannot go to the phone.

- You betcha.

- There are a lot of gay and lesbian people who are stuck in those traps that Jay Lee was talking about, that cannot go to the phone and pick it up and call us need to call for someone like that. If you're working and you can, need to call and make a pledge. Pledge for these kids that can't. Let somebody out there know that you support them in that dark lonely closet and with your help they're going to get out.

- That's right. You remember what that closet was like. Remember what it was like when you were coming out as a teenager. You didn't have this show. But think of the kids that do and give them a chance. If not for yourself, because you're already out, pledge for them.

- That's true. There's so much that's going on in the world is changing so quickly and the gay and lesbian community could be a part of that change if they would just stand up and be counted. And we're doing that. It's happening every day. Look at what happened to Juan Palomo at the Houston Post.

- Isn't that incredible? That was a drama unfolding day by day and you heard a lot of it right here because we had Juan Palomo on twice.

- He stood up for himself and was fired and he had the support of the community through groups like Queer Nation and the Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus and other gay and lesbian people and a lot of straight people in this city who support us and he was hired by the Houston Post back openly gay.

I mean, I keep harping that I'm gay and work for the police department. You're right. It's no big deal because there are gay and lesbian people everywhere down at HPD.

- And everywhere else.

- They just don't talk to me there are a couple who do. But I have yet, in over four years, I've yet to have a cop come up and walk up to me and say, Buddy you're right. I can't come out of the closet right now but I'm gay and I support what you do and I just want to say thank you. I have a lot of cops come up and look at me who look like they want to say that, but they don't say it and they're going to try to find the courage and they can only find that courage by listening to programs like this and seeing groups like Queer Nation in action and reading that the block vote of the GLPC helped get rid of that hateful bitch at City Hall!

- Oh yes.

- That will not give us a raise.

- Maybe we should ask Cathy if she'll come on the show. I don't know. She probably wouldn't because she's ignored the gay community for 10 years, why should she come on now?

- Absolutely.

- We need to elect people like Annise Parker.

- That's right.

- To public office.

- Openly gay running for District C.

- And that's something else we're doing. We're in the process now of having a forum live with Annise Parker and Vince Ryan right here in the Studios at KPFT.

- Really?

- Can call in and talk to them.

- When's this is going to happen?

- Before the election, girl. It's going to happen live, right in there.

- See all the stuff you get on KPFT? 526-5738, 526-KPFT. We've got about 7 minutes and we're running out of time. And I'm like, real tired, and I'm ready to go home.

- We all are.

- And I'm sorry that you call up and you get angry at me sometimes, but, hey, the world is not a perfect place. Most of it is pretty awful. And there are so many lonely people in the world, but I'm not going to be one of them. I'm going to be for a little while, but I'm going to fight back.

I'm going to get up in the morning and listen to Romanovsky and Phillips saying, when heterosexism strikes, strike back before I go to work. And when they are hateful to me, while they're being ugly to me, I'm going. we're here, we're queer, it's a natural fact, when heterosexism strikes, strike back.

I'm sorry what did you say, sir? You're being such a hateful bigot I didn't hear what you said. You have every right to be a bigot if you want to. But I'm gay and I really don't give a damn what you think, so, next question.

526-5738, 526-KPFT, outside of the Houston area it's 1-800-333-5738 or 1-800-333-KPFT.

- Right.

- Richard we're waiting now because we've got about 6 minutes.

- And Blue's for you is coming up.

- And we would like to make some money. I don't know if we've gotten anywhere yet.

- The countdown is on us here.

- Oh Yeah.

- We do have two more thank you's.

- 526-5738, 526-KPFT. Please help us.

- Let's hear it.

- Got about 6 minutes.
- We need to Thank Shaun who called from Deer Park.
- Hey Sean. I might know him.
- With a generous \$90 pledge, it gets him the 90.1--

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

- And all kinds of other goodies.
- And we have Mike to thank also, who says we're doing a good job.
- Thanks Mike.
- 526-5738, 526-KPFT. That's the number to call.
- Uh-huh.
- That gets us to \$735.
- That's great. That is great. We've got a ways to go for--
- Richard--
- Goal that we were looking for but that's some good solid pledges.
- Richard we'll check back with you in just a second, OK?
- OK.
- All right?
- All right.
- OK 526-5738, 526-KPFT. That's the number to call. Waiting to hear from you, right?
- You bet.
- We need you to call. We've only got about 5 minutes left
- Is that it?
- Have to go. Blues for You is going to be here.
- OK.
- Kathleen and Terry and her crew, they're all here. They're readying, getting ready to go and bring you blues.

You know, I'm never going to apologize for coming in here and saying you know I'm tired and if you don't call-- that's why you listen to this show, I hope. You listen to this show because we're honest to you.

- Can you imagine what kind of show this would be if we came out here and said stuff that just so everybody would be happy with what we said? Boy what a bland show.
- Full of lies like you see on CBS, NBC, and ABC. We can just entertain you like they do on the other stations, but I don't think that's what you want.
- When you come on when you come on a show like this and take a stand you're going to chap some people off.
- Yeah we've done that.
- And we've done it.
- That's right.
- We really need to hear--
- Most people are big enough that they can say, OK, I don't, I may not agree with them on this point but boy they sure hit the money on that other point.
- We've got 4 minutes.
- And they made me think about it.
- 526-5738,
- That's what we're here to do.
- 526-KPFT, outside, 1-800-333-5738.

We talk about Montrose. 90% of our support is outside of the Montrose area.

- Isn't that incredible?
- And a large percent, I don't know what percentage of our support, is from straight people who are friends of the gay and lesbian community. And we need you to call now. Please go to the phone and please pick it up and please call us. 526-5738 526-KPFT. We've only got about 3 and 1/2 minutes left.

I'd like to go out and with a bang. We're going to check with Richard in the lobby in just a second and we need to know that the phones are ringing out there. I don't know if they are, I can't hear them out there yet. 526-5738, 526-KPFT. Pacifica radio, that's where you turn to hear things like the March on Washington for Gay and Lesbian Rights. That's where in 1994 you will tune in to hear all of the festivities live from New York as the gay and lesbian community celebrates the 25th anniversary of Stonewall. You won't hear it anywhere but here on Pacifica.

We've got about three minutes. Is that right Richard?

- We have three minutes left. 526-5738 526-KPFT. Where are we at, Richard?
- Well I have another thank you from an anonymous donor here.
- Oh Thank you.

- Of \$365.
- Hey, hey. One of those dollar a day people.
- So that takes us to \$1,100.
- That's great.
- That's cool.
- So we've come a long way here. We still have time to take your call but we have two more minutes.
- I still need a police officer to call that's gay, that's maybe homosexual I keep saying that there are a lot of homosexual people out there who are not happy with being gay. And like, I'm very happy with being queer and if you want to find out how to be gay I'd love to show you.

526-5738 526-KPFT That's the number to call. Please stand up for yourself.

You know the Senate is getting ready to confirm this Thomas guy to the Supreme Court, and as Whoopi Goldberg said, the man showed up wearing a hood. We're in trouble, kids.

- Whoa.
- You have to stand up and say, this is not the one. I don't care if he is Black. He is not the one.
- That just like there are some evil gay and lesbian so-called leaders in this town there are some--
- Well, girl, like Harvey Milk said, they're not leaders. They're offensive. They know exactly who they are. And they get real mad at me every week for pointing my finger at them and going na-na na-na-na.
- I think maybe Thomas could be put into that category for the--
- Richard?
- For Blacks.
- Have we got any calls? Because we got to go. I want to go.
- We need to go. We still have time for the phone to ring.
- OK we've got like 60 seconds.
- That's right. You can call in even after we go off the air.
- You can still pledge to After Hours, even After Hours, even after *After Hours* is over.
- Keep calling and keep pledging and help the station. That's what counts.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

- For the Montrose Counseling Center.

- OK. Richard, thank you for answering the phones and tell those people out there we said thank you. We'll be out to see them in just a second.

- OK.

- Bye. 526-5738, 526-KPFT. Please continue to call and support Pacifica, OK? We'll see you next week.

- Take care. I love you babies.

- And remember what Harvey Milk said. Who the hell wants to read the green sheet anyway? No, that's not what he said.

- He would if he were alive.

- He said rights are not won on paper. They are won only by those who make their voices heard. And then he said who the hell--

[MUSIC PLAYING]

- When do we want it?

- Now.

- What do we want?

- Gay rights.

- When do we want it?

- Now.

- What do we want?

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