

[MUSIC - GREG KIHN BAND, "JEOPARDY THEME"]

- Yeah, no, I'm surprised at the amount of them that really had the right answer.
- Because the answer is these Queens are not happy. Oh, never mind I might have to start yelling and screaming to you, well, because we were screaming out of the bars and into the streets and they did.
- Yeah.
- Every Saturday night at midnight on *After Hours*, we play music.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

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

[MUSIC PLAYING]

- And speaking of being nice.
- Yes. Guess who I saw at the March tonight?
- Who?

[MUSIC PLAYING]

- No, it's too easy.
- Who did I see at the March tonight.
- Yes, who did you--
- Rodney Ellis from Austin and Councilmember Vince Ryan. We just heard them talk and a lot of gay and lesbian people.
- You bet.
- It was nice.
- Annise was there too.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

- Annise Parker.
- Yeah.
- Vince Ryan did say, I need to talk to you about this upcoming election. I'll bet he does.
- I want to ask him why he didn't support this Montrose district.

- Oh, Vince. I promised I'll be nice.

- Really?

[LAUGHTER]

Well, I'm in a good mood. Hey, did you go to the thing tonight?

Do you know--

- No.

- --what was so-- there were so many people there that you were up in the front. Doing--

- Girl, I was running--

- --a recording.

- --all over the place.

- I was in the back. I didn't even know you were there.

- You didn't know I was there until we met at Montrose and Westheimer.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

- Actually, you probably just didn't want to be seen with me.

[LAUGHTER]

- Oh, you figured it out.

- [LAUGHS]

- No, no, no, no, no.

[LAUGHTER]

- What the hell is this, a dedication?

- Yes.

- Well, we're not going to play it. No, we will. [LAUGHS]

- [INAUDIBLE]

- We'll do that. Do you want to do that? Do you want to play that?

- I want to hear some more of this tape. It's great.

- Oh, do you?

- Uh-huh.
- OK, we were talking about the march. It was a candlelight march.
- Protest march.
- Actually, [INAUDIBLE] the candles went on, and that was about it--
- Yeah.
- --because once we started marching-- it was so funny-- they got up, and they said--
- We couldn't hear in the back.
- --please remain on the sidewalk because--
- There were so many people.
- --if you get in the street, you will be arrested. And 1,000 to 1,500 people went, yeah, right. [SNICKERS]
- We couldn't hear in the back any of the instructions. We were just the sheep.
- Maybe that's--
- [INAUDIBLE]
- --why y'all were just like lost--
- Yeah, [INAUDIBLE].
- --because by the time we walked through the Montrose area down Fairview-- actually, we started at 1000 West Drew--
- Mm-hmm.
- --and Montrose and walked down to Fairview and then, from there, down to-- what is the Ripcord on-- whatever street it is.
- I don't know. Ask Roger. Well, girls, we turned there by the Ripcord, and then we went down to Pacific Street and went down my favorite street. [LAUGHS]
- Oh, yes, I know you love it.
- And those girls are coming out of bars.
- (HIGH-PITCHED VOICE) Oh, yay!
- [INAUDIBLE]
- But they didn't get their hair-- not a hair out of place on Pacific Street tonight.
- It was a good hair night, huh?
- Anyway, [LAUGHS] I wonder if any of those queens felt guilty. No, I'm going to be nice.
- Listen, lot of them joined.

- Are you serious?

- Yes.

- See, by the-- I was at the front. I really couldn't see what they were doing.

- They probably didn't have time to react yet by the-- when you went by. But I was toward the end, and people were coming out of the bars to join in.

- But when we got down to Montrose and Westheimer, we went to across one corner.

- Yes.

- And we crossed over from the west to the east side. And then we crossed from the north to the south side. And then we crossed back over to the west side. Then we just-- it just got like a vicious circle.

- Yeah, we had all these corners, and then people just started walking across the streets until everybody was walking across every street. And--

- It was just like a--

- --then people started getting in the middle of the street.

- It was like gay people in a blender. I loved it.

- [LAUGHS]

- The only thing that could have been better is if we'd all been naked and had a bottle of poppers and-- no.

- Well!

- No! I'm going to be nice. That's a 1970s story.

- It's amazing the amount--

- [LAUGHS]

- --of people-- yes.

[LAUGHTER]

Isn't it amazing?

- Well. [CHUCKLES]

- Amazing amount of people who really hate each other were there marching all together.

- I had some of my greatest enemies come up and hug me out.

- Me too.

- [LAUGHS]

- It was amazing.

- Oh, it was nice, and if you weren't there, well, hang on, we've got some tape for you, right?

- We sure do.

- It started out as a candlelight vigil?

- Mm-hmm.

- Candlelight march or candlelight-- candelabra--

- Well, another part of it, too, was--

- --celebration. To protest the beating death of--

- When that officer--

- --Paul Broussard.

- --on TV said, oh, this was not a gay bashing.

- Oh, yeah? I don't understand that because these kids from the Woodlands came down--

- What the hell else was it?

- --30 miles into Montrose and asked a group of guys who seemed to be walking alone about a gay bar.

- Mm-hmm.

- But they actually didn't come down here to beat up queers. They just came down.

- Well, I always carry two-by-fours with nails in them in my car.

- Do you really? And it's why-- if they were going to beat up somebody, why didn't they beat up somebody out in the Woodlands if it wasn't a gay bashing?

- Yeah.

- I mean, give me a break. But as our good friend from the *Houston Post* said earlier, if they had white kids gone into the Third Ward and beat up a young Black man, this city would have been up in arms, or if somebody had gone up under the Northside and beat up a Hispanic or anything else. But since it was just queer--

- And they should have. And they should.

- Yeah, exactly.

- We're not--

- But as I said last week, maybe, and I really believe this-- our boat is sinking. I really think he's right. I think we're kind of screwed.

- No, I don't feel that way after tonight. It's-- we do a lot of in-fighting in this gay and lesbian community.

- Just as much as the straight people. too.

- That's right.

- And give me a break.

- But tonight proved that people can get together. I hate that it takes this to do it.

- I was very, very proud of my gay brothers and sisters here in Houston--

- You bet.

- --because tonight, we grew up a whole lot. And the next time, we'll be better, and the next time, we'll be better. And the next time, we'll be better. And we will just continue to come out until things like this will stop. That's the only way to kill it because-- I said this earlier-- it's not the people in the Woodland. I'm really sorry that this community has this black eye now because those people are decent, hardworking people.

- You bet.

- And a couple of them came down and did this.

- Mm-hmm.

- And I saw some of the people interviewed on I believe it was channel 13, and it was, (ROUGH LOW-PITCHED VOICE) well, I'm from the Woodlands and, oh.

And I'm like, this is really sad because these people don't deserve this. And the real culprit here is not the Woodlands. The culprit is homophobia. And as long as this society or any other society continues to, well, bless homophobia or any kind of discrimination, we're in trouble. And I said that last week. As long as homophobia is an acceptable form of discrimination, we're screwed, and it can only be stopped if we speak out. And that's what we did in a big way.

I'm sure all over Houston, at 10 o'clock, when the news came on, and all three channels were beaming at live, and you saw traffic at a standstill on a Saturday night in Montrose, Westheimer and Montrose filled with thousands--

- Yes.

- --and a couple of hundred. Now, there were 1,500 to 2000 gay and lesbian. But there were--

- You bet there was, screaming-- screaming.

- --along with a lot of straight people--

- You bet.

- --and their children, people who live in the Montrose, people who are sick to death of the violence. And it's not just gay violence. It's not just gay bashing that's been going on. A man and a woman were waiting on a bus down on Alabama, and he was killed last week. A man was shot to death in his front yard while smoking a cigarette. I mean--

- Yes.

- --this society is screwed if we don't start taking care of each other, and it's just real. I don't know. Let's not get off on that. I was also very pleased with the way that the Houston Police Department handled themselves.

- You bet.

- Being a member of the police department, I am always afraid when there are large crowds of people anywhere because the chance of violence erupting is always there. And when you have a crowd of people screaming and yelling and are already angry, and you come in and say, OK, boys and girls, it's time to go home, and they feel all the power, and they don't want to go home, it's like, hmm, this could be very scary.

But Captain Adams, who was over the whole thing at the site-- at the corner of Montrose and Westheimer, Captain Adams did a very wonderful job, I guess, of directing that whole operation for the police. He decided early in the evening that it was time to move the police officers back and redirect traffic and give us that corner for a while. And he said we could just march around there until we got tired and we were ready to go home.

And of course, Council Member Vince Ryan was standing there. And Representative Rodney Ellis was standing there from Austin, and Representative Debra Danburg was standing there from Austin. And lots of television reporters were standing there with their cameras on. And a lot of gay and lesbian people were there who were angry. And it was just-- this seemed like the right thing to do. [LAUGHS]

- I was watching the police a lot tonight, and they treated us with utmost respect--

- Well--

- --at all times.

- --I've said this before, and I'll continue to say it. The police department is not the problem. The police officers who work in the Montrose area are there because they want to be there unless they're rookies and are placed there. But most of the people who are there want to be there. And they enjoy their jobs, and they're decent people. And they care about us.

- Yeah, and one particular incident would-- almost incident was quickly averted by the mounted officers.

- They ran off several skinheads--

- True that.

- --and other people screaming obscenities. I heard one young man shout, stop AIDS, kill the queers, and he was immediately whisked away by the police.

- You bet they got right on it, and they were cheered by the crowd for their efforts.

- Yeah, I was-- well, you know what, though, I have to be honest with you. The police department made a liar out of me--

- What do you mean?

- --this past week because, last week, I was screaming and yelling about the shortage of people and how they weren't going to go out of their way to do anything, that this was just a crime within a whole lot of other crimes. And they can be concerned, but they can only be concerned for so long because there's such a multitude of things to deal with.

- Yes.

- And they made a liar out of me because they have the culprits now in jail and charged. The man that was instrumental in the beating of Paul Broussard has been charged, and the man who was also involved in beating his friend has been charged. And they're working on the case. And they flew to New York and brought this guy back. 17 years old, I think. And they'd really gone about it in a very, very quick manner. You know what I mean, Jimmy?

- Yes, yes. I do have one--

- We really are working hard.

- --question left about that, though.

- What's that?

- What about the other eight who were involved?

- I have no idea.

- OK.

- I don't want to say that-- I don't want to say anything because I really don't know. I have to look in the paper. Maybe we can check the *Houston Post*. We should ask our friend here--

- You bet.

- --from the *Post*. Anyway, you want to go back to this tape?

- Yes, I do.

- This, I'm sorry to say, is an unedited tape.

- Well.

- It's awful, girl. But I didn't--

- It's raw.

- --have time to do anything. It's just raw, and you just have to lay down it and take it like a man.

- [MOANS] Oh.

- [LAUGHS] Anyway, once again, this was from the corner of West Drew and Montrose, the site of the beating of Paul Broussard. And several hundred members of the gay and lesbian community and their friends joined there this evening for a candlelight vigil to say that's not going to happen in Houston, Texas. And it went like this.

- We would like to have everybody light their candles in memory of our lost brothers and sisters that have died to hate crimes in this city, in recognition of those lives that have been lost due to hate crimes and due to the insensitivity and due to the insensitive feelings and ignorance of our political figures that say they're running the city, they care about the people that live in this city. Light your candles and show that you do care, that they cannot kill the love, that it will continue to burn.

- Yeah.

[CHEERING]

[MUSIC PLAYING]

- You could see it there candles far, far back into the crowd. We are standing on the corner of West Drew and Montrose, the site of the killing of Paul Broussard. The leader is now [INAUDIBLE], asking for a moment of silence for the death of Paul Broussard, who was killed on July the 4th by a gang of people who were recently arrested. We are estimating the crowd now at over 2,000 peoples here in the Montrose on a Saturday night. And I believe the gay community in Houston has finally come to life.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

- [? Remember ?] your pride for Houston!

- [CHEERING ALL TOGETHER] Yeah!

[CHATTER]

- (ALL TOGETHER) Homophobia has got to go. Hey, hey! Ho ho! Homophobia has got to go. Hey, hey! Ho, ho! Homophobia has has got to go. Hey, hey! Ho, ho! Homophobia has got to go. Hey, hey! Ho, ho! Homophobia has got to go. Hey, hey! Ho, ho! Homophobia has got to go. Hey, hey! Ho, ho! Homophobia has got to go Hey, hey! Ho, ho! Homophobia has got to go. Hey, hey! Ho, ho!

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- (ALL TOGETHER) [INAUDIBLE]

[CHEERING]

[CARS HONKING]

[WHISTLE SHRILLING]

- Keep walking.

[CARS HONKING]

[CHEERING]

- Hey, Pokey Anderson, what are you doing out here in the middle of the Saturday night? I thought we were only out here.

- Who's we?

- I'm talking about *After Hours*. [LAUGHS] Now, what's going on?

- Now even the people at *Breakthrough* stay up after 6:00 PM every once in a while.

- Talking to Pokey Anderson of *Breakthrough*. Isn't this great, baby?

- This is great. I had a bet that we'd get more than a thousand people, and yeah, easy, easy.

- I'm really surprised. I think maybe Houston's grown up a whole lot today.

- I think this is a real turning point. I hope it is. Of course, the evening's not over yet. I'm hoping that everyone-- our people, their people, the police-- will all behave responsibly. But we have a lot of very righteous anger here.

- It's good to see you out here on the street.

- (ALL TOGETHER) Homophobia has got to go. Hey, hey!

And into the streets! Out of the bars and into the streets! Out of the bars and into the streets! Out of the bars and into the streets!
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of the bars and into the streets!

- I think we're on Pacific Street.

- Yeah, baby, and it got them out, too.

[LAUGHTER]

- We're walking up Fairview, around-- I'm not sure what street it is. It's a street that intersects Fairview with the Ripcord approaching Pacific Street. And the chant is out of the bars and into the street. Let's see if anyone on Pacific Street heeds the call.

- (ALL TOGETHER) Out of the bars and into the streets! Out of the bars and into the streets! Out of the bars and into the streets!
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the street!

- Get out of the bars and into the streets!

- (ALL TOGETHER) Out of the bars and into the streets! Out of the bars and into the streets! Out of the bars and into the streets!

[INAUDIBLE]

[MUSIC PLAYING]

[STATIC]

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of the bars--

- You didn't want?

- I didn't bring much music tonight.

- That's OK. All this yelling and screaming.

- Yeah.

- Who is this at the door?

- I'm afraid to ask.

- [LAUGHS] We're not going to ask him on the air. Maybe at--

- So.

- So what?

- How long is this? I mean, I remember saying this "out of the bars and into the streets." But I mean, that was a long, long march.

- Oh, we'll see what this is. Hang on.

- That's Rainbo.

- Oh, look what came in.

[LAUGHTER]

- Hey, hey!

[LAUGHT]

THE MUSICAL LANGUAGE

- I mean, a lot of yelling and screaming.

- Yeah.

- I was so happy, though, to see it.

- You and I were talking.

- Oh, we were?

- At one point.

- I want to hear that.

- Well.

[LAUGHTER]

- How rude.

[LAUGHTER]

Well, listen then. Do you have any problems with this?

- I kind of like it.

- And you're always talking about you want to play that little thing for four hours some night about the gay rights thing.

- This is even better because--

- And this is even better, huh?

- --these are Houston queens screaming.

- Yeah.

- Houston queers.

- Houston queers and Houston straights.

- Yeah.

- (ALL TOGETHER) [CLAPPING RHYTHMICALLY] Hey, hey! Ho, ho!

- I even heard Vince Ryan. Hey, hey! Ho ho! [CHUCKLES] Ooh, she wants to get reelected. [CHUCKLES]

- Well.

[LAUGHTER]

- I mean, he wants to get reelected.

- Well, whatever.

- Homophobia has got to go. [WHISTLES] Woo-hoo!
- We're in the intersection now of Montrose and Westheimer, and traffic's came to a standstill because there are several people screaming and shouting, "Hey, hey! Ho, ho! Homophobia has got to go."
- (ALL TOGETHER) [CLAPPING RHYTHMICALLY] Homophobia has got to go. Hey, hey! Ho, ho! Homophobia has got to go. Hey, hey! Ho, ho! Homophobia has got to go. Hey, hey! Ho, ho! Homophobia has got to go. Hey, hey! Ho, ho!
- Remember who I ran into?
- Who's that?
- Leslie Perez.
- Oh, really?
- She threw her arms around me.
- And tried to choke you.
- No.

[LAUGHTER]

No, no. As a matter of fact, we were happy to see each other. And in fact-- and I said to her-- I said, well, honey, when you do bad, we tell the world about it, but when you do good, we tell the world about it, too. And she said, that's the way it's got to be.

- Well, I saw my little friends over there, but those two didn't say anything to me.

- Oh, really?

- No, so I guess I've not been forgiven.

- I saw Sylvia, too.

- I saw Sylvia, too, and she came up to me and said,

(HIGH-PITCHED VOICE) Oh, please, don't let them get arrested. Let's go out there and tell on the court.

- Were you not--

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

- --Sylvia?

- Sylvia hasn't been well lately.

- There are 150 people in that street. They don't want to go-- they want to go to jail.

- The crowd has kind of-- circling the intersection of Montrose and Westheimer. We're really not sure what's going on. The traffic has stopped, and the police are looking at us to, like, what are we going to do now? And the crowd continues to march and continues to chant.

- That's exactly what happened, too.
- Yeah.
- Because they were-- the queens were marching around in the circle.
- Yeah.
- Shouting and screaming and clapping.
- And then the circle filled up.
- Yeah.
- And then it cleared out again.
- And the police were like, hmm, now, what do we do?
- They made the announcement that everything cleared out.
- [CHUCKLES]
- This is after you had to leave.
- I had to leave? What do you mean I had to leave?
- One lone man stood in the middle of the intersection because they made the announcement. If we don't clear off, we're going to be arrested. One lone man. Then a minister joined him. Then Leslie Perez joined them. And then-- I don't know-- 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 people just got in the middle of the street.
- Then it was like an orgy. Everybody was everywhere-- arms, legs. Did you see this?
- Did I see what?
- [INAUDIBLE], a federal judge presiding over [INAUDIBLE] a bunch of queers. [INAUDIBLE].
- That's what Juan was talking about.
- I know it. I don't even want to give him any time. There's Juan right there. He's--
- What have we got here?
- Saturday night, it's pretty incredible stuff.

[CHEERING]

- They're stopping traffic.
- Oh, OK.

[WHISTLE SHRILLING]

- Did you see the editorial cartoon?

- The Boys Of Summer from the *Post* on the 11th?
- Yes, three hefty boys and their boards with nails and blood dripping from them and a lone body lying off to the side.
- Right.
- Mm-hmm.
- To All The Boys Of Summer, which just happened to be-- I don't know what else it was, but it also happened to be the title of a male porno flick.
- Have you got it?
- Yes.

[LAUGHTER]

- Could I borrow it?
- Of course.
- [LAUGHS] Look at the front page. You remember last week I was so mad because-- well, wait a minute, look at this. "50 clergy protest hate crimes."
- Yes.
- This was on Saturday. "More than 50 Houston clergy took a public stand Friday against hate crimes, issuing an alarm from the spot where a Montrose man was beaten and stabbed to death last week." This is from the *Houston Post*, Saturday, June 13, the Houston Section, and it talks about how a group of ministers from the Montrose Clergy Association gathered at that site to say this type of violence had to stop. That's pretty incredible stuff.
- You bet.
- And of course, tonight, we were all down there screaming and yelling.

(SING-SONG VOICE) But look at the front page of the *Houston Post*.

"Police arrest two in Montrose gay bashing. A 17-year-old man turned himself in to the police Friday in connection with the July 4 stabbing and beating death of a Montrose banker. Ironically, Jon C. Buice, charged with murder earlier in the day, walked into Homicide as detectives were holding a news conference just a few doors away.

Buice's arrest was the second Friday in the alleged gay bashing that left Paul Broussard, 27, dead and another man injured. Derrick Dan--" A-T-T-A-R-D-- "Attard, 17, was arrested in New York City on attempted murder charge for his alleged role in the beating of Richard Delaney. A possible of 10 suspects have been identified in the attack, which has been described by police as a case of gay bashing."

- Yeah [INAUDIBLE].
- That's what today's paper said. And in big old bold letters in the *Houston Chronicle* right on the front page, "Two Woodland teens charged; five sought in gay bashing." It's nice to see news on the front page of the *Chronicle*--

- Yeah.
- --and the *Post*, so we don't have to be angry about that. Now, then, we got to watch the judicial system and see what happens with this in court.
- That's right because--
- When Paul Broussard's killers are taken to court, that's where the rub may be.
- You bet because there's a lot of theatrics that go on in court.
- And when Harvey Milk and Dan White were killed--
- I don't--
- Can you believe I said that?
- Yeah, don't-- don't-- [CHUCKLES]
- I was--
- Yeah, man.
- --just rattled.
- Because I think that it's time this community woke up and got active. I mean, we had somebody killed. I mean, the police were saying it's not a hate crime. It was a hate crime.
- Now they're clearing the streets. I think we better get out of the way.
- Everybody needs to press City Hall.

[WHISTLE SHRILLING]

[STATIC SOUND]

[CHEERING]

- Sorry. That was Sue Lovell.
- It's OK. Ah.
- The Houston Police is in the middle of the street and on a patrol trying to clear the streets, and they're running into a little opposition. The whole world is watching.
- But as the police moved into the street to clear it out, and then the captain decided that it would be best if the police just got out of the way and gave the gay and lesbian community and their friends the corner of Montrose and Westheimer.
- This is probably about the time where I met you because there was--
- Oh, well, then we'll turn it off and play a song.

- [LAUGHS]

- [CHUCKLES]

- No, I was really scared at one point.

- You were shaking, girl.

- Well, you see, there was a police car parked near the intersection of Westheimer and Montrose, and the officer--

- [INAUDIBLE] Larry Lingle.

- Oh.

- Owner of Lobo Bookshop on-- or owner and operator, whatever you do down there.

- Larry Lingle from Lobo, huh?

- Yeah.

- Yeah.

- The corner of Montrose and Westheimer on this Saturday night, what do you think about this?

- I think it's great, and I just said, Buddy, I think we ought to all pile in our cars and go out to Woodlands and take it home where this demonstration belongs.

- Is it really in the Woodlands, or is it all over the country?

- It's all over. It's all over. The Woodlands right now is the target. I think we ought to make it clearer out there. They need some education. They need to do something in their schools. They need to do something in their churches. But they're responsible for this homophobia, not just their kids. The parents are, too. We should take it home to them. They don't come down here. They don't see what we're doing. They might even not even watch us on the news. We should take it to them wherever it may be. It's Woodlands, Sugar Land-- wherever.

- You think Houston grew up a little bit today?

- I hope so, Buddy. I hope so. I know the community has.

- Hmm, yeah.

- We really shouldn't have fights over the balance of nature, which is completely natural. That's our lives. It's everybody's lives. [GIGGLES] That's as best as I can put it. That's our lives. You can't fight over that.

- Some queen wanted to be on the radio.

- Oh, OK.

- So right now, we're on the corner of Montrose and Westheimer. And they're just kind of like at a standstill, but they're venting a lot of-- I don't know.

- Energy.

- Energy?

- I think a lot of positive energy, I think, about statements of about who everybody is and how everybody has right to be out at night-- on Saturday night in Montrose. So far, it's been very positive and very impressive. Just talked to Captain Brown, who's in charge of the police activities out here, and he indicated to me he's going to probably close off the intersection, just let them march round and round if they want to for a while.
- Being a member of HPD, I'm very pleased with the way the guys are handling it, [? though. ?]
- I'm very pleased with it, too. I think they're doing a very good job. I think Captain Brown just made a real good decision to block off the intersection and let people march until they're tired.
- What message do you think went out to the City of Houston this morning, Council Member Ryan?
- Well, what I hope is the message is that everybody has the right to be safe in this city and that any type of hate crime ought to be discouraged, ought to be against the law in every way possible and that we're seeing-- there are a lot of straight people in this audience, and I'm very glad to see that-- that everybody's a brother and a sister tonight and that the whole city of Houston is one to condemn this kind of crime.
- Thank you very much--
- Thank you, Buddy.
- --for talking with us.
- That was Council Member Vince Ryan again.

[STATIC]

- What do you want?
- (ALL TOGETHER) Justice!
- When do you want it?
- (ALL TOGETHER) Now!
- What do you want?
- (ALL TOGETHER) Justice!
- When do you want it?
- (ALL TOGETHER) Now!
- What do you want?
- (ALL TOGETHER) Justice!
- When do you want it?
- (ALL TOGETHER) Now!

- What do you want?
- (ALL TOGETHER) Justice.
- What's that?
- It's a personal note.
- Oh, brother, now she's getting personal mail. [LAUGHS] The hell was that? Rainbo?
- A friend of mine from another show.
- I want to see that, Mary.

[CHEERING]

- Well.
- Yeah, thanks, John.
- [LAUGHS] Hey, no personal messages--
- Oh, OK.
- --on this show. No, that's OK.
- It's just some straight guy I know.
- What'd you say?
- Oh, really?
- I'm scared because--
- Why?
- It looks like it's getting really rowdy.
- No, it's not getting really rowdy. We're on the corner of Montrose and Westheimer, and the Houston Police Department has given them the streets.
- Oh, OK, I didn't understand that.
- Yes, they have decided to move the police back and let the gay community have the street.
- OK, you see--
- It's either that or put people in jail, and they decided putting people in jail wasn't a good idea.
- Well, right. Well, I noticed that one officer--
- You're shaking. [LAUGHS]

- Well, I noticed that one officer came and moved his car, and I thought it was because they were afraid that something was going to happen to it. It was very close to the intersection.

- No, they decided-- the Houston Police Department has decided, in the interest of safety, to move back and just give the gay community the streets tonight--

- Oh, OK.

- --and let them walk around until they get tired and then they're going to go home.

- I've noticed also that there were three skinheads around in the periphery.

- I didn't see that.

- Yeah.

- What time did you get here for the march?

- I got here at 8 o'clock.

- Where were you at? I've been looking for you, girl.

- I was at the beginning there. I was--

- Oh, OK.

- --in the parking lot at the [? ultimate ?] building.

- Oh, well, I guess I was up front--

- Ah, OK.

- --of the street where it started out.

- Yeah, in fact, there were so many people that we could not hear the instructions in the back very well.

- I'm almost at tears, baby. I think the gay community woke up.

- I can't believe it. I never expected this many people. I thought maybe 100 or 200, but it looks like-- I don't know-- 500 to 1,000.

- It's close to 1,500--

- Is it?

- --to 2,000.

- Yeah, yeah, absolutely. Not only that, but going through on the route, we kept shouting, "Out of the bars and into the streets," and they did.

- When we were-- I was at the beginning of the march as the crowd went through Pacific Street. And they had a lot of strange looks on some faces coming out of those clubs. Like, maybe they felt a little guilty because they were in there.

- They are that they felt a lot guilty because they were in there.

- We're just about a few minutes before local news time. What time is it?

- Right now, it's quarter of 10:00.

- OK, it's a quarter to 10:00. By the time you hear this, we'll be on for a couple of hours.

- Yeah.

- But anyway, we're here.

- And we're queer.

[LAUGHTER]

- Certainly queer in the middle of Montrose and Westheimer.

- We are.

- I think that the gay and lesbian community of Houston has grown up a whole lot this morning.

- It sure has.

- Or this evening.

- Sure has.

- I'll just go back over to the crowd. Maybe we can find somebody to talk to.

- OK.

- All right.

Oh, girl.

- Well.

[LAUGHTER]

- You feel better?

- Yeah, well, it--

- [LAUGHS]

- See, isn't that amazing? It took from--

- They're cheering because they just announced that all three local television stations are beginning to be broadcasting live, for some reason, from the corner of Montrose and Westheimer.

- Oh.

[LAUGHS] Well, they're going to get an eyeful because the entire intersection is filled with people. They were sitting down in it because they were not going to move.

- And once again, we remind you that the police department has cordoned off the area for us, and they've just given the community the intersection. And the police officers are back, always back, holding back the traffic and the people. And I noticed they ran off three or four skinheads.

- I didn't know if you had seen that. Yes, so there were three skinheads on the--

[CHEERING]

--Stop N Go side, and they ended up at the Two Pesos side. And they started yelling things. And the mounted police officers escorted the gentlemen away to the cheers of the gay and lesbian community.

- So for right now, this corner is ours.

- Yes, it sure is.

- I want to go--

- Well, Mary--

- [LAUGHS]

- I can't believe you're playing unedited tape.

- I know. Well.

- Like, anybody knows what that means.

- But we didn't have a whole lot of time to do any editing.

- And their nongay friends--

- Ah.

- --or going into other people's neighborhoods and terrorizing the citizens. We are not bad people.

[CHEERING]

- It's Ray Hill.

- And I want you to know-- some of you have heard this already tonight, but our enemy is not a handful of punks from north of Harris County. Our enemy is ignorance and fear and prejudice and hate.

- Hey, Mayor. [INAUDIBLE]

- And we have one tool in our arsenal that will once and for all get rid--

- Where's the mayor?

- --of that ignorance, and that is, you must come out. You must come out with your family, and they will stick with you if they love you. You must come out with your friends if indeed they are your friend.

- (ALL TOGETHER) [INAUDIBLE].

- What?
- Oh, girl.
- Hi.
- [LAUGHS]

- Toni Knight from Gay and Lesbian [INAUDIBLE].
- Oh, wait a minute, stop that.
- Oh, OK.

- That's Toni Knight.
- Yeah, sounded like Ray was trying to quote Harvey Milk.

- Well.
- They kept screaming, where's the mayor?

[LAUGHTER]

- I know. I know.
- Oh, girl.
- I wonder where she heard that Harvey Milk stuff.

- I can imagine.
- [LAUGHS] Well.
- Right here, and he was quoting one of my favorites--
- Yeah, mine, too.
- --of Harvey's.

- Here's Toni Knight from the Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus--
- OK

- --the president--
- Yeah.

- --of the GLPC.
- --Lesbian Political Caucus.
- You bet.

- Can she say another thing? No.

- [LAUGHS]

- Of course, you can, dear. What's that?

- Hi, guys. It's so exciting to see everyone come together and say, we're going to stop the discrimination against gay and lesbian people. We've had enough as many straight people have called in, mothers and fathers, saying that this is just wrong, and we've had enough. It's barbaric.

- Do you know what?

- What?

- It took long enough, but what we are witnessing here tonight is Houston Stonewall.

- Right, right, we're all coming together to say we come together on this issue to stop violence and the discrimination that creates the violence in our community.

- Earlier in the broadcast, Toni, you said to attend the GLPC meeting to find out what's going on. When is the next meeting?

- Oh, the next meeting-- thank you--

[CHEERING]

--so much, Buddy.

- [LAUGHS]

- Isn't he such a sweetheart? Everyone clap for Buddy at home.

[LAUGHTER]

The next meeting is this coming Wednesday, which if I look at my little calendar-- I don't have it with me, but you look at yours. At 7 o'clock at 1475 West Gray at the multipurpose center. We're looking forward to seeing you come out and say hi to me and let me know that you like to be politically active. Thank you.

[CHEERING]

- Thank you. Bye-bye.

- Toni Knight from the Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus.

- Houston.

- Hmm?

- Houston. HGLPC.

- Oh, yeah. They keep adding and subtracting things from the name.

- Well, I know.

- [CHORTLES] And by the way. This is a taped broadcast, a delay--

- Yes.

- A tape delay, is that the right wording?

- Very much so.

- I'm like real tired. You know what I mean?

- You're listening to somewhere around 10 o'clock earlier this evening.

- Yeah, from the corner of Montrose and Westheimer, we're a group of about 1,500 to 2,000 queers, and their friends gathered to say,

(RASPY VOICE) hey.

- We're over it.

- [CHUCKLES] And I think the message was received, at least by that crowd--

- Mm-hmm.

- --and by most of the people that witnessed this march as it went through the streets. This was really a march.

- It sure-- it really was. It started at one point--

- This is the first--

- --round and round. Then--

- --really, a march where energy was flowing everywhere that I've been in, and it was very, very exciting.

[CHANTING]

- (ALL TOGETHER) [CLAPPING RHYTHMICALLY] No more hate. No more hate.

[STATIC]

No more hate. No more hate.

- It's just a little weird playing this unedited tape.

- Well, I'm sorry.

- Nobody said any bad words. I'm [INAUDIBLE].

- Larry called, a regular straight listener.

- Uh-huh.

- And he says he's really enjoying hearing about the demonstration tonight and enjoys the comments of the people who were there. Thanks, Larry, for listening.

- Thank you.

- And Doug-- who's Doug-- wants you to try to explain what people can do to make a difference. He missed the march but wants to know how he can help. Well, one thing he can do is register and vote.

- You bet.

- And all these jerks that are screwing us up, vote them out and vote people in that support us. And the way you get that, the way you get involved, you know what to do.

- Yeah, and join your neighborhood watch groups.

- Yeah.

- That's very important these days because we don't have enough policemen. We have to do something on our own.

- Boy, it's the truth. Don't get me started on that.

- I know.

- Randall also called and said to ask us to talk about the importance of people in the streets to be very careful that they might be mugged tonight.

- Just because that's--

- These guys are in jail. This is not-- this isn't even--

- [INAUDIBLE].

- --the tip of the iceberg. Are you kidding? This is not the--

- There's a whole lot more other people who are--

- Yeah.

- --willing to do--

- All three major television--

--just the very same thing to us.

- --stations here in the city--

- What's this, Mary?

- --are broadcasting live, apparently, from the scene, and people all over Houston, I'm sure, are wondering just what the hell's going on here?

[CHUCKLES]

Anyway--

I wish I should have seen this on the news.

- Well, you couldn't. You were there.

- Really?

- As of now--

- Uh-oh.

- --start running the risk of being arrested. If you do not wish to be arrested, please go back onto the sidewalk.

- We have to--

- I want you to [INAUDIBLE].

- Yeah, but we have to let people know.

- Yeah. People will know.

[CHEERING]

[WHISTLES SHRILLING]

- (ALL TOGETHER) Go away! Go away! Go away! Go away!

- Well, that was great. That was the time that they cleared the area, and that one lone man stood there and then followed it by the minister and then Lesley and then everybody.

- To say that this has been the best rally that has ever happened here in Houston for [INAUDIBLE].

[CHEERING]

- This is the closing comments, I think.

- Mm-hmm.

- At this point in time, we would also like to thank the police for their cooperation.

- Yeah!

- [CHEERING ALL TOGETHER] Yeah!

[WHISTLE SHRILLING]

- Where were you on the night of the 4th? Where were you on the night of the 4th?

- [INAUDIBLE] Leave peacefully.

- At this point, we would also like to say that the rally is coming to an end. We ask that you please disperse.

- Peacefully.

- Peacefully.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

- --all right?

- This has been one of the most positive movements.

[APPLAUSE]

This has been the most positive movement in the gay and lesbian community here in Houston. They know our strength, and if they don't know it, then they saw it on TV.

- Thank you again.

- Good night.

[APPLAUSE]

- Thank you very much for all the support.

[CHEERING]

We would like to let you know of what our demands that have been set [INAUDIBLE]. Please listen very closely. The first demand is that HPD is classifying all crimes committed because of the victim's sex, race, ethnicity, religion, or sexual orientation as hate crime.

[CHEERING]

The second demand is that the district attorney's office to publicly commit to vigorously prosecute all hate crimes.

[CHEERING]

- Who's going to be judge?

- The third demand is that the Houston Police Department immediately begin giving sensitivity training to all police officers in working with women, racial minorities, ethnic minorities, and lesbian and gay people.

[CHEERING]

- [? More ?] gay cops! [? More ?] gay cops!

- The fourth demand is that the Houston Police Department immediately begin hiring openly lesbian and gay police officers.

- Yeah!

[CHEERING]

- [INAUDIBLE]

- Our last demand is that the Houston Police Department and the press-- the printed press and broadcast press of Houston immediately commit to maintaining the confidentiality of all hate crimes' victims as they currently do for people who were raped.

[CHEERING]

OK, so at this time, we're a nation. We'd like to thank you for showing up. Houston gay and lesbian community would like to thank you for all of your support.

- Our meeting is--

- The next meeting for Queer Nation, July 23-- it's at Tuesday-- at 7:30, Montrose Palace. We ask that when you leave here, leave it [INAUDIBLE] that we can leave peacefully. Thank you very much. Keep the pride.

[CHEERING]

[MUSIC PLAYING]

- When do we want them?

- (ALL TOGETHER) Now!

- When do we want them?

- (ALL TOGETHER) Now!

- What do we want?

- (ALL TOGETHER) Gay rights!

- What do we want?

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- (ALL TOGETHER) Gay rights! Now!
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- (ALL TOGETHER) Gay rights!
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- When do we want them? When do we want them? What do we want?

- (ALL TOGETHER) Gay rights!

- When do we want them?

- (ALL TOGETHER) Now!

- What do we want?

- (ALL TOGETHER) Gay rights!

- When do we want them?

- (ALL TOGETHER) Now!

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- (ALL TOGETHER) Now!

- What do we want?
- (ALL TOGETHER) Gay rights!
- When do we want them?
- (ALL TOGETHER) Now!

- "The Good Homosexual" by James Carroll Pickett. "The good homosexual accommodates himself, checks fantasies, behaves properly, purchases good taste, practices impeccable hygiene, begs respect from oppressors.

The good homosexual reads only what is recommended, attends all the Westwood Cinema, obtains season tickets to The Music Center, votes the straight GOP slate, retires from controversy, amasses financial security no matter the social toll, finds AIDS embarrassing but donates \$50 a year anyway anonymously.

The good homosexual subscribes to *GQ*, laughs the loudest at fag jokes, laments the demise of *After Dark*, prefers porno in brown paper bags, browses Crown Books, where he purchased *After The Ball*, displays National Geographic, misses *Dynasty*.

The good homosexual restrains impulse, sustains racism, objects to gay as too frivolous, refers to himself as a bachelor, contains passion, remains invisible, maintains there is nothing amiss.

The good homosexual swallows bigotry, suppresses ecstasy, drives a family sedan just like Old Dad did, kisses with a dry mouth and closed lips, wears a condom on his tongue, just in case.

The good homosexual nurtures propriety, derives morality from TV shrinks, believes there might be something to inanity, shushes all profanity, insists on anonymity, despises sodomy, fails to see why dykes have to be so pushy.

The good homosexual drinks Coors Beer, as advertised in good homosexual publications, keeps up appearances, longs for the cops to crack down, engages a female for social occasions, relishes assimilation, irons crisp creases in casual jeans.

The good homosexual quells excess, attacks radical fags, experiences madness in discrete little doses, waters down intensity, embraces mediocrity, reaps his own self-righteous vanity, does not grasp why silence necessarily equals death.

The good homosexual kills queers."

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

[MUSIC PLAYING]

- (ALL TOGETHER) Now!
- What do we want?
- (ALL TOGETHER) Gay rights!
- When do we want them?
- (ALL TOGETHER) Now!

- What do we want?

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- When do we want them?

- (ALL TOGETHER) Now!

- What do we want?

- (ALL TOGETHER) Gay rights!

- What do we want?

- Come on, let's say it so they can hear you at the Capitol!

- (ALL TOGETHER) 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!

[CHEERING]

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

- (BOTH) Good afternoon, and welcome to the National March on Washington, DC, for Gay and Lesbian Rights and choral reciting!

[CHEERING]

- Let's hear it out there!

[CHEERING]

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

- I want you to savor this next moment. I have the proud task of telling you that the official count of the lesbian and gay rights march-- the official count is over 500,000 strong!

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

[CHEERING]

- 500,000 strong!

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

[CHEERING]

- Look at you! 500,000 strong! 500,000 strong! One of the largest marches in United States' history!

[CHEERING]

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

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

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

- Yes, come on out! [LAUGHS] Join us. Bring your friend.

- What do you think about the turnout so far?

- Well, it's good enough-- never enough, never enough.

We must destroy the myths, once and for all, shatter them. We must continue to speak out. And most importantly, most importantly, every gay person must come out.

[CHEERING]

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

[CHEERING]

- What do we want?
- (ALL TOGETHER) Gay rights!
- When do we want them?
- (ALL TOGETHER) Now!
- What do we want?
- (ALL TOGETHER) Gay rights!
- When do we want them?
- Once they realize that we are indeed their children and we are indeed everywhere, every myth, every lie, every innuendo will be destroyed once and for all.

[APPLAUSE]

And once you do, you will feel so much better.

- What do we want?
- (ALL TOGETHER) Gay rights!
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- What do we want?
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- When do we want them?
- (ALL TOGETHER) Now!
- And I ask-- I ask the people all over this country to do one thing-- come out. Come out, America. Come out!
- Yeah.

[CHEERING]

- And Houston, Texas, got just a little bit closer this evening in the Montrose.
- And we all got together for a change.
- [HUMS] Going to call it--
- Which goes to prove that we can do it.
- --wonderful.
- Yes.
- Of course, we can do it, girl.
- Mm-hmm.
- Excuse me.
- I mean--
- [LAUGHS]
- --we may fight and carry on and claw each other's eyes out.
- Oh, I can't believe I had to burp like that.
- But--
- [INAUDIBLE] it on the air.
- --when it comes down to it, we can get together. Even all those [? HoBOA ?] members can get together.
- Who?
- Those Houston Bar Owners Association.

- [GRUNTS]

- Well, I know. I know. We've not always been too nice to those folks either, but they did get together and kind of patch up their differences enough to get the reward thing going.

- OK, hang on.

- OK.

- This is London.

- Ooh.

[KEYPAD TONES]

[MUSIC PLAYING]

And this is KPFT Houston, right?

- [WHISPERS] Yeah.

[COUNTDOWN TIMER]

- Eight hours, Greenwich Mean Time. BBC World Service.