

- Two minutes after 3:00 on a Sunday morning. So.
- So.
- You're saying then, for acts of hatred like this, hate crimes--
- As our friend Juan Palomo said from the *Houston Post*, we're all guilty.
- We are.
- There is--
- It's just that simple.
- Something I did want to mention-- we are instituting a hate gay and lesbian hate crimes reporting system.
- Oh really?
- Yes. And the switchboard is going to handle that.
- Oh really?
- It's going online December the first. We'll have advertising out and there'll be a brand new phone number to call to report hate crimes in the gay and lesbian community.
- Who's funding this?
- You wouldn't believe it.
- Is it a secret, or?
- No, it's not a secret. It's Charles Armstrong.
- Oh really? How wonderful.
- Has already put on some fundraisers and has raised nearly, I believe, the amount so far is \$3,000. And that's going to go, of course, only to operate the phone, that one phone, or how many phones they decide to hook up, and advertising. All the staffing will be provided by the switchboard.

And we figure it's going to start out slow and then pick up. And of course, the switchboard is always looking for more volunteers.

- Aren't they doing a training class this weekend?
- Yes.
- Because the last training class was canceled.
- Was canceled. Yes.
- That was back in September when Ron and the switchboard crew were here.

- And they're having one now. They have four people in this class.
- Are you serious? Oh, I know I'm going to puke if that's the case.
- I know. Well, we always hope for more but we'd rather have four good people that are going to stick with it than half a dozen that'll drop away. So.
- Yeah.
- And it does take two weekends to go through this training. It's pretty intensive.
- OK.
- But there'll be more on that later because in fact, I'm working on that through the switchboard. So as soon as that phone number is available, we'll be giving that out like, every week.
- That sounds good. Maybe we can get Charles or somebody to come on and talk about that.
- Yeah.
- I'd like that. Because that's the best idea I've heard coming out of Pacific Street in a long time.
- We've got to take charge and do it.
- And it's not that I dislike the bars. Don't get me wrong. I dislike the fact that we give them thousands of dollars an hour and get little or nothing back.
- Get little or nothing back. So I'm really happy about this.
- So I'm glad to see something finally coming back. It's exciting.
- And we don't want to have to rely on any other outside source for reporting of gay and lesbian hate crimes. We want to do it within our own community. That way we can know for sure that everything's being reported correctly.
- So as soon as that comes online, we'll give you that number. Like I said, that'll be December 1. And I'd love to think that there would be cobwebs on that phone because there wouldn't be any hate crimes reporting. But I know it's going to be otherwise.
- And it's six minutes after 3:00 on a kind of chilly night.
- Oh, God.
- I know I wore my fur.
- And I was glad to see Queer Nation at HPD the other night. Because you just sometimes got to stand up and be counted.
- You do.
- It's like Dr. King said.
- But somewhere I read of the freedom of assembly. Somewhere I read of the freedom of speech. Somewhere I read of the freedom of press. Somewhere I read that the greatness of America is the right to protest for rights.

Well, I don't know what will happen now. We've got some difficult days ahead. But it really doesn't matter with me now, because I've been to the mountaintop. I don't mind. Like anybody, I would like to live a long life. Longevity has its place. But I'm not concerned about that now. I just want to do God's will. And he's allowed me to go up to the mountain.

And I've looked over. And I've seen the promised land. I may not get there with you, but I want you to know the night that we as a people will get to the promised land.

[CHEERING]

So I'm happy tonight. I'm worried about anything. I'm not fearing any man. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord.

- 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.

- When we allow freedom ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, Black men and white men, Jews and gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, free at last, free at last, thank God almighty, we are free at last.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

[MUSIC PLAYING]

- Harvey, do you have a few minutes?

- Come on out. Never enough. Never enough. Never enough.

We must destroy the myths once and for all. We must continue-- and most importantly-- most importantly-- [INAUDIBLE] must come out.

- As difficult as President of the Board-- as President of the Board of Supervisors, it's my duty to make this announcement. Both Mayor Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk have been shot and killed.

- Oh, Jesus.

- We must destroy the myths once and for all. Continue to speak out. Most importantly, every gay person must come out. You must tell your immediate family. You must tell your relatives. You must tell your friends if indeed they are friends.

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

- Your must tell your neighbors. You must tell the people you work with. You must tell the people at the stores you shop in.

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

- And once they realize that we are indeed their children, that we are indeed everywhere, every myth, every lie, every innuendo will be destroyed once and for all. And once you do, you will feel so much better.

- Well, I don't know what will happen. [INAUDIBLE] difficult days ahead.

- We must destroy the myths once and for all.

- [INAUDIBLE]

- We must continue to speak out and most importantly, most importantly, every gay person must come out.

- [INAUDIBLE].

- If indeed they are your friends. You must tell your neighbors.

- [INAUDIBLE]

- You must tell the people in the stores you shop in.

- I've seen the promised land. I may not get there with you.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

- So I'm happy tonight. I'm not worried about anything. I'm not fearing any man. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

- Thank you, Michael.

- We haven't played that in a long time.

- Yeah.

- I guess if anything out of this Magic Johnson thing, it's made people realize that they're not going to be around forever.

- Do we always think that?

- Oh, yes.

- We're just going to be around forever and ever and ever?

- Especially when you're a teenager, you're invincible. You're going to live forever. And you're never going to get as old as your parents. All that old and feeble and all of that. And you're never going to give in either.

- Really?

- I think there's a lot of that.

- It's really scary. And we'll talk to Bart next week because Bart Losier is going to be hear from the AIDS Foundation about how young people have not taken-- I really don't think they have-- taken this AIDS thing serious.

- Oh, absolutely. That's one of the big problems we see. The infection rates rising among the young, the under 25, the teenagers that are coming down with or contracting the HIV virus.

- But don't get me wrong.

- That's saddest of all because this is the group who has known nothing but sensible sex all their lives.

- Don't get me wrong. I do not think that AIDS is the big, bad boogeyman that they would like us to think it is. Because in 10 years, how many people have died?

- 120,000.

- 120,000 in 10 years?

- Yeah.

- And we lose in this country alone, almost a million people a year to cancer.

- That's true.

- So in 10 years, that's 10 million people.

- Yes?

- Now I called one day to the DPS and got the statistics. I don't have the statistics. It was like 45,000 people a year, I think, killed in automobile accidents.

- Yes?

- So there's almost 500,000 people that died of car wrecks. Do you see what I'm saying?

- I see what you're saying. However, you can avoid a car wreck.

- That's true.

- And many forms of cancer, early detection can put it into remission.

- And you can avoid AIDS.

- And you can avoid AIDS.

- You can avoid the HIV virus.

- And especially for the under 25 group, because they know about it now.

- Mary, did you read that book that Wilt Chamberlain wrote? He said he's had over 200,000 women in his career?

- I don't know how that's possible.

- We added it up. It's like a woman a day for 55 years, or how [INAUDIBLE]

- Well, isn't that old?

- Oh, girl.
- No, it's got to be more than that, even. Because I've been promiscuous in my lifetime, especially during the '60s and '70s when most people were, and I don't even come near that.
- Wouldn't you like to have a little chart to see actually?
- And it's true. I mean, I've had sex with a lot of people. Between 5,000 and 6,000.
- Oh, please. In an hour?
- No. And most-- many gay men in my age group have had that many and more sexual partners.
- Oh really? Mary, no wonder your brains have been screwed out.
- No, no, no, no. No. The '60s and the '70s were incredibly promiscuous.
- Well, I missed it.
- Well, I didn't.
- Well, tell us about it. You've got 40 minutes. And all of America, at least all of Houston, is dying to know.
- I'll bet they are.
- Your secret sex life.
- Yes, well. I've got very strong knees. That's what it's come down to.
- Well. OK.
- 200,000 people. That's incredible.
- Yeah, it is.
- There's only 365 days in a year. Terry, did you walk last Sunday? You have on your shirt. Did you skate last Sunday?
- Yeah. I skated with the roller skaters. We had a real good time, actually.
- Oh really? Were there any KPFT people looking for us?
- I didn't see any.
- I know.
- If there were, they were bundled up, trying to keep warm.
- There were a lot of people, and everybody was wearing coats, and hats, and hoods, and everything else.
- I was.
- Yeah.
- Yeah.

- Hoods?
- [INAUDIBLE]
- Was the governor-- hoods? Was the governor of Louisiana down there? Boo.
- Boo is right.
- David Duke. Can you believe this?
- Oh, boy. Do I have a song for him.
- Do you really?
- Yes, I do.
- Not that take off your swastika.
- That's the one.
- I'm not playing it.
- You're not playing that one?
- No.
- It's a wonderful song for David Duke.
- I know, but can you believe him, that queen and that--
- Have you seen him?
- Oh, girl.
- Does he look like a queen or what?
- Oh, please.
- I hate her. I hate that queen.
- Can you imagine? This man. This man is going to be the governor of Louisiana.
- Oh. I hope not.
- No, I'm telling you, he is. You know why? Because there are a lot of racist, sexist, bigoted, homophobic people out there who are scared to say anything to your face.
- That's true.
- But will go into a voting booth and vote that racist homophobic--
- And vote your rights away.
- Moron into office. You watch. You mark that down, Louise. You think I'm kidding.

- I don't think you're kidding. I just don't want to believe it. I don't want to believe that could happen.

- And what about the big news of the week?

- Yes?

- The big news of the week.

- What's the big news?

[FANFARE MUSIC]

- Girl, we got a lottery.

- Ta-da.

- I know you really don't care.

- No, I don't gamble.

- I don't either.

- Oh.

- I just think it's great.

- I do too.

- Do you know why I think it's great?

- Why?

- Because everybody from Houston is driving over to Tupelo, Kennebunkport, Louisiana, and buying their tickets.

- Not only that. They're sending their money out of state.

- Yes.

- I have friends who have friends like in Washington and in Florida, and they're constantly sending money to these other states to buy lottery tickets.

- So why can't we get the money in Texas?

- You betcha. We need it right here.

- You know what I'm saying?

- Uh-huh.

- So we got it now, girlfriend.

- I think we should open up a whorehouse and get those bucks.

- I do too. You know it? There would be some--

- Let us run it.
- Honey, put a luxury tax on that. You know it works in other states.
- Well, let's not get carried away.
- Oh, I know.
- We just got the lottery.

- Yeah, that's true. Let's not go overboard here.

- I am really surprised that it won.

- I am too. It's taken so long.

- In this Bible-thumping state.

- People have been wanting it ever since the '60s.

- They thump that Bible.

[TAPPING MICROPHONE]

- Ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh.

- Well, and we thump our Bible.

- And I never, I never, never, never-- what is this?

- Time to go.

- I don't think so.

- Oh. Shut up, [? Louise. ?]

- Well, when can we go?

- Well, we can go at 4:00 when those women come your way.

- Oh, which women?

- These women.

- Oh.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

- In the heat of the night, we have blues for you on 90.1 FM KPFT, Houston, Texas, 4:00 AM, Sundays.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

- That makes me want to play that sit on your face thing. Where is it?

OK. It's 25 minutes after 3:00.

- That little blue corner coming your way at 4:00 AM.

- This is *After Hours* radio, celebrating life from the heart of Montrose. We're here.

- Yeah, we're here and we're queer.

- Oh, I'm sorry.

- Yeah.

- Did I screw that up?

- Baby, it's cold outside.

- Oh, God. If you're nice and furry, if you're a hairy little man, call me at 526-4000 and keep me warm tonight.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

- Oh, Monty Python. Yes, yes, yes.

- Sit on my face--

- Well, you know us. We always like to bring you gender non-specific music.

- I remember. I remember my poor dad. I don't know what you get out of it.

- Well, for you straight folks, who don't mind gays but wish they weren't so blatant--

- It's called, for the straight folks who don't mind gays, but wish they weren't so blatant. You know some, people got a lot of nerve. Sometimes I don't believe the things I see and hear.

Have you met the woman who's shocked by two women kissing and in the same breath tells you that she's pregnant? But gays shouldn't be blatant. Or the straight couple sits next to you in a movie and you can't hear the dialogue because of the sound effects, but gays shouldn't be blatant.

And the woman in your office spends your whole lunch hour talking about her new bikini drawers and how much her husband likes them. But gays shouldn't be blatant. Or the hip chick in your class rattling a mile a minute while you're trying to get stoned in the john, about the camping trip she took with her musician boyfriend. But gays shouldn't be blatant.

You go in a public bathroom and all over the walls there's John loves Mary, Janis digs Richard, Pepe loves Delores, et cetera. But gays shouldn't be blatant. Or you go to an amusement park and there's a tunnel of love, and pictures of straights painted on the front, and grinning couples coming in and out. But gays shouldn't be blatant.

Fact is, blatant heterosexuals are all over the place. Supermarkets. Movies. At work. In church. In books. On television, every day and night, every place, even in gay bars. And they want gay men and women to go hide in the closets.

So to you straight folks, I say, sure. I'll go. If you go too. But I'm polite, so after you. Thank you.

- That's Pat Parker, the one and only.

- Yes.
- Born and bred and here in Houston.
- Richard is talking to someone right now and I said, because we had a special request.
- Oh really?
- Yeah.
- Well, who is it that wants to talk to us? Tell him to put them on hold. Put them on hold, Richard. Is that him on one.
- I don't know.
- He'll come and tell us.
- OK.
- Yeah. We have a special request because Matt, our favorite little donut man--
- Yeah.
- Is he still doing that?
- He sure is. And I wish he'd bring some by sometime.
- Hey.
- I love his kolaches.
- Is this him? OK.
- Hey.
- Hi.
- How are you?
- Very good, how are you?
- Great.
- Well, we're OK. How are you doing?
- I think I'm doing all right.
- I heard that you're listening for the first time tonight.
- Oh, it's not for the first time. I just recently moved to Houston.
- Oh really, from where?
- From Austin.

- Oh, from Austin?
- Oh boy, what a pretty town.
- I really like it.
- They told me you were a virgin listener.
- Oh, well I was, but I was driving home from a club one night and I heard your show on the air.
- It's pretty scary, isn't it?
- I listened to 90.1 late at night. And sure enough, I thought it was wonderful. So I listen every week.
- Well, thank you.
- We're glad you're listening.
- In fact, I'm taping the show so I can send it home to some of the people in Austin because I'm sure they would love it.
- Well, we'd like to say a few words to Austin.
- Well, go ahead. It's on the tape.
- All those short hairy men, when they come to Houston, please call me for a good time. There's only one thing I want.
- Yeah?
- Yeah. Listen to this. Hang on, guy.
- [INAUDIBLE]
- [MUSIC PLAYING]
- Who was about this high and covered in hair. Louise.
- [MUSIC PLAYING]
- *After Hours* radio, celebrating life from the heart of Montrose. We're here.
- And we're queer.
- Yeah.
- [MUSIC PLAYING]
- And I'll tell you what the gay movement is about. After I got elected, I got the phone call I knew I'd eventually get. I got quite a few of them. One was from a 17-year-old child in a small town in Minnesota. And the boy is handicapped. And the boy's parents found out he's gay. And they want to put him in an insane asylum. And that boy needs help.

And the gay movement is about the letter I got from Southwest Africa, when he read about a gay person getting elected here. And that person has hope. And that 17-year-old kid in Minnesota has hope. And we have gay leaders not understanding that, and are more worried about their own personal power. They're not gay leaders. They're offensive.

- Somewhere in Des Moines or San Antonio, there's a young gay person who, all of a sudden, realizes that she or he is gay, knows that if the parents find out, they'll be tossed out of the house, the classmates would taunt the child, and the Anita Bryants and John Briggs are doing their bit on TV. And that child had several options. Staying in the closet, suicide. And then one day that child might open up the paper and it says, homosexual elected in San Francisco. And there are two new options. Option is to go to California, or stay in San Antonio and fight.

Two days after I was elected, I got a phone call. And the voice was quite young. It was from Altoona, Pennsylvania. And the person said, thanks. And you've got to [? let ?] gay people so that young child and the thousands upon thousands like that child know that there's hope for a better world. There's hope for a better tomorrow. Without hope, not only gays, but those Blacks, and the Asians, the disabled, seniors, the us's, without hope, the us's give up.

I know that you cannot live on hope alone. But without it, life is not worth living. And you, and you, and you, have got to give them hope. Thank you very much.

- As President of the Board of Supervisors, it's my duty to make this announcement. Both Mayor Moscone Supervisor Harvey Milk have been shot and killed.

- Oh, Jesus Christ.

- You know what bothers me most, baby, about this? This is from the *Montrose Voice*. November 8 through the 14.

- They're talking about Philip Smith?

- The shooting of a 24-year-old gay man. It goes on and on and on and on. Does it say in here anywhere what his name is? In this article?

- I thought it did, doesn't it?

- Just right there.

- Philip Smith.

- Just another faggot that was killed by an idiot.

- And that's what we're fighting against.

- Yeah.

- That type of thinking.

- And Harvey Milk and Mayor Moscone were shot to death in City Hall in San Francisco, two publicly elected officials, murdered in broad daylight. Their killer got five and 1/2 years in the penitentiary. Harvey was killed on November 28, 1978. And in 1988, 10 years after that fact, we had something called the Celebration of Life rally that we held down on the steps of City Hall.

It didn't go over very well, because a lot of so-called gay leaders, the ones that Harvey talks about being offensive, didn't like me personally and still don't. But that's OK, because we're going to be here every Saturday night from midnight to 4:00, with or without their support.

And on the 23rd, is that right?

- Yes.

- Close to that anniversary date, we're going to play for you the three hour broadcast of the Celebration of Life rally. If you want to see how something wonderful can happen with just little or no support, stay tuned for that. Because we got the tapes to prove it. It was beautiful. You'll hear our good friend Bruce Cook, who's no longer with us, and Harry Britt. Just a lot of wonderful things happened that morning.

And we're going to play the whole thing for you. The only reason I'm bitching at you right now is because I cannot believe that we didn't elect Annise Parker to city council. She's probably the most qualified and the most electrifying and most energetic person that's came out of this community in years that I've seen in my 10 years in Houston. And she didn't get there. But we're going to keep trying until we get somebody there.

- It's still that mentality, that there were too many people who couldn't see beyond the lesbian that was attached to her name. She in fact, last week, she was here and joked about it that she's going to change her last name to Lesbian, because everywhere she read, that's all she saw. Annise Parker, lesbian.

- Anyway. We got to keep fighting, and we got to keep moving forward, because young people are continuing to die. They're being murdered in our streets for smiling. And there are so many of us that are out there that are afraid to get over here. And we invite you to come over here and join us, I guess. We do. Yeah.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

- Like the Gay and Lesbian switchboard.

- 529--

- 3211.

- Yeah. 529-3211. They'll tell you about all kinds of wonderful things. Like what? What's coming up, Mary? Something I guess?

- There's always a great fundraiser going on in this town.

- Oh well. One of these days in Houston we're going to elect an openly gay person to public office. If anybody deserves it, it's someone like Annise Parker.

- Because she has the experience.

- Yep.

- She's been around fighting for this community for years.

- And maybe she'll be back. Who knows. Once we wake up and get our--

- Proverbial act together.

- Yeah, sort of.
- I'm glad you played this. I haven't heard it in a long time.
- Yeah, this is pretty.
- [INAUDIBLE] live performance. We shall go forth.
- And we certainly shall. And according to Queer Nation, we're going forth to Houston City Council this Wednesday morning. You can call the city clerk's office to sign up to speak. And they give you one minute, two minutes or three minutes. And the mayor will pull the little ding dong bell on you.
- And that number is 247--
- 1840.
- Right.
- So if you can please go down and stand together for whatever it is we're standing together for.
- Hate crimes.
- Yeah. I'm just kidding. I want you to think about it. Because there's a young man who died last Sunday morning while this show was on, simply for smiling. I think that is so obscene. Where's Jesse Helms when you need him?

[MUSIC PLAYING]

- [INAUDIBLE] and such fine young men.
- It's getting close to that time, isn't it? We've had some great calls tonight.
- Yes we have.
- Richard and Jim have given us your messages.
- Yes. I'm here.
- We had calls from La Porte, we've had calls from Alvin, and all around Houston.
- Well girl, who's called that's hairy?
- Oh well, they didn't say that.
- Well, damn it.
- Yeah. Sometimes we have your music and many times we don't.
- Means I have to go home and get in a cold bed by myself. Well, that's no fun. Maybe I could find a nurse to take care of me.
- A nurse?
- Nurse? Nurse?

- Not Nurse Ratchet, Louise.
- Oh.
- A real nurse, a good nurse. The kind of nurse that takes your temperature.
- What with?
- Well. I can't tell you.
- I see.
- Anyway, what time is it? Seven minutes, six minutes? I don't know. It's almost time to go. Blues for you coming up next with the blues broads.
- Well, maybe just one blues broad this week.
- Oh really?
- Not so broad.
- Who's not so broad, yes.
- And she's not barefoot because it's too cold.
- That's right. Girl. What else is going on?
- Oh. I don't want to get into that article.
- Which one?
- The one about--
- Jerry Falwell?
- Yes.
- Oh, that hateful queen.
- Yes.
- Where is that tape?
- Where is it?
- No, I'm not going to play it.
- OK.
- But I will play this one more time. I just have to play it one more time.
- OK.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

- Well.
- Well, how wonderful.
- And thank you Vince Anderson for that.
- Yes. The Monty Python players and my favorite rendition of sit on your face.

Next week, Bart Loeser from the AIDS Foundation will be here to talk about--

- Sitting on your face.
- No, well, the safe way to do that.
- I see.
- The sensible way to do that. Anyway, what else? And two weeks from this weekend we're going to be playing for three hours. It's going to be scary.
- It's going to be wonderful.
- It's going to be great. We're going to give you the entire broadcast of the Celebration of Life rally that we brought to you live in 1988 from the steps of City Hall.
- Well, slightly edited.
- We've played it-- no, only the two words that Bruce Cook said, we edited out. But other than that we're going to play the whole damn thing.
- Well. Good.
- Cindy Friedman was the co-host for that.
- Yes, she was.
- She's singing and Heartsong was singing and Montrose Singers were singing, and the MCCR choir was singing.
- Yes.
- Don Sanders wasn't singing.
- No, but he talked.
- He was down there.
- Yes.
- Harry Britt was speaking. It was great.
- Harry Britt and John [INAUDIBLE]
- Anyway. And it'll be nice. And it's a keeper and we haven't played it in its entirety since the original broadcast.

- That's exactly right. So set your recorders--

- For this one kids. That's two weeks from tonight. Anyway. Until next week. Have a great week. I got a Union meeting at 11:00.

- Oh so you're trying to get out of here. Is that the case?

- I gotta go. Yeah. See you next Sunday.

- Well, I love you babies.

- And remember what Harvey Milk said, rights are not won on paper. They are won only by those who make their voices heard. Did you get that? You got to make your voice heard otherwise,

- [INAUDIBLE]

[MUSIC PLAYING]