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[MUSIC PLAYING]

- 2050 it's a [INAUDIBLE].

- [INAUDIBLE] 1520.

[MUSIC - "THEME FROM HILL STREET BLUES"]

- [INAUDIBLE] first shot.

- 2030 clear.

- 28 for a woman [INAUDIBLE].

- Radio [? catching ?] [INAUDIBLE].

- One time, and I'll get my gear to be in the court number 63 BM.

- 27 [INAUDIBLE] at Live Oak. We have a [INAUDIBLE] disturbance. 3900 navigation, a vehicle blocking the drive. 40,000 [INAUDIBLE] I think there's a burglary of a vehicle, 11,009 telephone [INAUDIBLE] male disturbance. All calls [INAUDIBLE] to [INAUDIBLE].

- It's a [INAUDIBLE]

- 238. Units [INAUDIBLE] just going out.

- 602. [INAUDIBLE] getting the gear. Advise [INAUDIBLE]

- Block.

- 71 [INAUDIBLE].

- [INAUDIBLE] They lost him. We have a vehicle possibly outbound Southwest Freeway, coming up on 610. Get a unit on it for us. The white over yellow Chevrolet will be outbound 59, going underneath 610.

[SIREN]

- 332.

- 332.

- Yeah, 300ZX going about 100 miles an hour, 610 East. I'm just passing 225. They won't pull over for me.

- Any units clear and close.

- 225 East. Still going over 100 miles an hour. Probably it'll be a stolen car.

- [INAUDIBLE] do you have a plate?
- David Edward Zebra.
- [INAUDIBLE] He's starting to make some tracks. I still got him in sight. [SIREN] He's weaving in and out of traffic.
- Still out back, just crossed Hollister.
- Southbound 290 crossing Hollister at this time.
- Approaching Fairbanks and North Houston.
- Fairbanks.
- Outbound. He just cracked up. Fairbanks [INAUDIBLE] get a [INAUDIBLE]
- Gear out. He just cracked up.
- [INAUDIBLE]
- 439. They say it's all right. Everybody's OK.
- We've got two confirmed. Two confirmed. We're going to need an ambulance and a supervisor.
- We'll have to get an ambulance coming out out here also. [INAUDIBLE] We got three confirmed fatalities.
- [INAUDIBLE] clear. [INAUDIBLE] clear. [INAUDIBLE] forms please.
- OK.
- You can call on your set now.
- 15-842.
- 15-842.
- Little band report. Going to call out 4500 Beechnut.
- 32. I'm going to be on Robert Sam Tom. So 8300 Greenbush.
- 41 case number.
- [INAUDIBLE]
- Assist the officer. I've just been shot.
- 686. 68325686.
- 32, I've just been shot. 8400. [INAUDIBLE] 32 Assist the officer. I've just been shot.
- [INAUDIBLE] Greenbush.
- [INAUDIBLE].

- [INAUDIBLE] We've got an officer that's been shot. 8400 Greenbush.

- [INAUDIBLE] unknown description. Blue steel revolver by a .38. Out in the area of this location.

- They are northbound.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

[CROWD CHANTING]

- Now, tell me again what it's about. After I got elected, I got the phone call I knew I'd eventually get. Got quite a few. 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.

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 that understanding that and are more worried about their own personal power. They're not gay leaders. They're offensive.

- 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 Mill's challenge to me had not something in my life in this state prepared me to hear the word the freedom that Harvey spoke to us.

I am here tonight because it is mine that all of us 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 in the State of Texas.

[CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

[CROWD CHANTING]

Every myth, every lie, every innuendo that we destroyed once and for all and once you do, you will build so much better. I ask, I ask people all over this country to do one thing, come out. Come out, America. Come out.

[CHEERS]

[CROWD CHANTING]

- Somewheres 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 Bryant's 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 a paper, and it says, homosexual elected in San Francisco, and there are two new options-- the option is to go to California--

[APPLAUSE]

--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 elect gay people so that 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, 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 got to give them hope. Thank you very much.

- On September the 6th, 1987, I came in this room at 2:00 in the morning on a Sunday. And my hands were shaking because I was so scared that as soon as somebody at HPD found out that I was queer and doing a gay radio show, I would be fired. Didn't happen.

I left the police department in 1988 and went day shift and almost went out of my mind trying to help these queens, in the community that is. Found out that the best thing I could do was come down here every Saturday night and push buttons. So that's what I do. After being out of work for about a year and two or three months, I went back to the police department, willing to start at the bottom.

But thanks to civil service and the way things happen in government, I was elevated very quickly back to the position I once held, like number five on the seniority list, with Sundays and Mondays off. And after going to City Council one day and saying, hey, thanks for having the courage to rehire an openly gay person. Maybe we didn't really need that silly referendum back in 1985 or '75 or whenever the hell it was. It didn't really matter.

What does matter is that after making my little speech at City Council and going back, the people that I work with said, hey, we really think you're a good guy. And we'd like you to be president of the Houston Police Support Personnel Union.

And I did that, openly gay, kids. And I come in here every week and do this for you and for me. And then, last week, a couple of weeks ago, I see on the news that Chief Watson is putting together a committee to investigate the charges of racism within the department.

Now, we all know there's no racism at the Houston Police Department, just like there's no racism anywhere else in the world. But I thought, well, as an openly gay man and as president of this union, I could serve on that task force. So I called the chief's office and was referred to Chief Dodson's office, who handles such things. And went down and told them, hey, I'm here, and I'm queer, and I'm willing to help.

And if we don't talk about these things, Houston is going to have a lot of problems, problems like they have in Los Angeles and New York. And we can stop that. We have the perfect opportunity to do it because here we are, willing to talk to each other. Well, the committee was formed, and I understand they had their first meeting on Friday. And I didn't get a call to go.

Now, I'm not angry because they didn't ask me to play their little game. I'm angry because they didn't have enough respect for me as a human being to pick up the phone and say, buddy, we appreciate you volunteering. But we really don't have room for you on this task force. Maybe next time.

And I'm going to write Chief Dodson and Chief Watson a letter and ask them if they could please explain to me why I can't have just a little bit of dignity down there. Goddammit, that's all I want, just a little dignity and a little respect. Nothing more, nothing less than they give every other human being that works in that department. And as a gay person, by God, we're going to get it.

And if we don't get a nice little letter back from the chief saying, well, you shouldn't be so mad. This is what happened or whatever, then I'm going to go to City Council and ask them because, kids, if the democrats are coming here in 19-when-ever, and we're the city of the future, all I have is one question for people putting things together like this and the mayor and everybody else, when are we going to stop living in the past?

- 1, 2, 3, and--

[MUSIC - PEACE CHOIR, "GIVE PEACE A CHANCE"]

[APPLAUSE]

MARTIN
LUTHER KING
JR:

And 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 Gods 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.

[CHEERS]

[MUSIC - "LIVING IN WARTIME"]

- If we fight together, we can find the strength we need.

- Only if.

- I think it's about time we formed the Houston Gay and Lesbian Municipal Employees Association.

- Whoa. Yeah.

[CROWD CHANTING]

- That would give our lovely mayor and council another group to ignore.

[LAUGHS]

MARTIN
LUTHER KING
JR:

But 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.

[CHEERS]

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 tonight that we as a people will get to the Promised Land.

[CHEERS]

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]

- They probably thought we were going to get real nasty.

- Oh, we could.

[LAUGHS]

- We might if they don't straighten up down there.

- What? So to speak.

- Yeah.

- Ooh, not straighten up, bro.

[LAUGHS]

Let your hair down, honey.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

- I know there's a gay police officer out there just waiting to turn into a gay man. Oh, wait a minute.

- Homosexual police.

- A homosexual police officer just waiting to become gay.

- Yeah.

- I'd love to show you the way.

[LAUGHS]

- We should have asked Cal.

- About what?

- About gay police officers.

- Oh, that's right.

- Yeah.

- I've heard they frequent the BRB.

- Mm-hmm.

- I'm going to have to get some cowboy boots, girl, and go down there.

[LAUGHTER]

After Hours Radio celebrating live from the heart of Montrose. We're here.

- And we're queer.

- Yeah. 90.1 FM, KPFT Houston. Mariah Carey.

- Yeah.

- There's got to be a way to wake these queens up at the police department. Girl.

[MUSIC - MARIAH CAREY "LOOKING IN"]

Hey.

- Yeah.

- God forbid we all sit down and talk like human beings. Try to solve these problems.

- We'd be arguing over the size of the table.

- Did you see that editorial cartoon in the *Post* that said, uh, the in-- who is it that does the Super Bowl?

- Yeah?

- NCA, is that right? I don't know. The group that sponsors the Super Bowl.

- Yeah?

- Pulled it out of Arizona because they would not honor Martin Luther King's birthday. They will not have the Super Bowl in a state that does not honor a civil rights leader.

- Good for them.

- But they will go to a state like California, where civil rights are just ignored. Yes, well, hopefully not by everybody. What do he say?

- I don't know.

- What did you say, Mary?

- They're coming here in '95.

[LAUGHS]

- Maybe, maybe not. Mary, I was just really upset that they didn't call me and tell me they didn't want me to play with them.

- I could tell.

- You know what I mean?

- Well?

- It would have been different if they would have called and said, hey buddy, we really appreciate you offering to-

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- Yeah, that's pretty tacky since, I mean, you volunteered. Then just kind of, they drop you.

- But just not to call at all.

- Yeah.

- I just hate being ignored, girl.

- I know you do.

- You know what I mean?

- Mm-hmm.

- Anyway, After Hours Radio is celebrating life from the heart of Montrose, 90.1 FM. We're here.

- And we're queer.

- And it's my live, girl.

- Baby, this is my all-time favorite.

- So get over it, as David Fowler would say.

- Yeah.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

- 90.1 FM, KPFT Houston, After Hours Radio celebrating life.

- In the heart of the Montrose.

- We're not celebrating civil rights because we don't have that yet.

- Not yet.

- Still trying though, kids.

- We're looking. We're working.

- Should we give something away, Mary?

- You know they love to get it when it's free.
- What should we give away?
- Well, I did make a suggestion, but you didn't care for that.
- No, Mary. We're not a slave center.
- Oh, OK.
- Can't give away men, especially when I'm not getting any.
- Oh. Wait a minute. I thought you, uh, were dating that quite alluring young man.
- That man is beautiful. But we're not talking about love. We're talking about somebody just lusting after this gorgeous hunk here.

[SCOFFS]

- Hey, I know what lust is.
- Yeah, well, what is it?

[LAUGHS]

- I live my life in lust.
- OK. What should we give away, Mary? Since you're the queen of the mailing department.
- I know that's right. We've got tapes out the wazoo.
- Let's give away albums then.
- We don't have any. Fresh out.

[LAUGHTER]

I have done albums, honey.

- What, did you, like, mail them all out to the last guy?
- Yep, just so there wouldn't be anymore.
- OK. What do we want to do--
- We got--
- --to give away something?
- Hey, we've got, um--
- What have we got to give away?
- On My Mind Today tape that you did. That's really hot.

- That's pretty good.
- We've got two more, only two more Jimmy Somerville tapes.
- Oh, really?
- Mm-hmm.
- Well, let's give away one of those.
- Well, OK.
- What are we going to do, though, to give it away?
- Hmm. Hmm.

[LAUGHS]

- You have hair on your chest, and you're the first guy here. No, that's not fair.
- Too late. We've already got one.
- And if you're a police off-- no, that won't work.
- No, probably not.
- If you're part of the command staff at HPD, and you're really not mad at me, and you call, well, I'll give you a Jimmy Somerville album.
- I don't think you'll get any calls.

[LAUGHTER]

- The command staff is not-- they're listening to this on tape. Good God, did he really say all that on the radio?
- Yeah. Uh-huh.

[LAUGHS]

And he'll do it again too. Just listen.

- OK, Mary. What-- what are we going to give away? That Jimmy Somerville thing.
- Jimmy Somerville tape.
- OK.
- We've got only two more to go.
- OK.
- And Richard's waiting in the wings.
- But what are we going to do to give it away? Oh, I know.

- Yeah?

- We just had the first openly gay person elected to Texas in the legislature.

- We sure did.

- So if you're, like, the 10th caller and call us and tell us who he is, you'll win the cassette.

- OK.

- Number 10 at 526-4000 or 526-KPFT if you can tell us who the--

- First openly gay elected official.

- In, uh, Texas was. He just got elected.

- Uh-huh.

- 526-4000 or 526-KPFT.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

90.1 FM, and we're waiting for your call. Is that Chief Watson on the line?

[LAUGHS]

Oh, chief.

- Yeah, count on it.

- 526-4000 or 526-KPFT and we'll help you break out.

[MUSIC - SWING OUT SISTER, "BREAKOUT"]

90.1 FM, KPFT Houston After Hours Radio, celebrating life from the heart of Montrose. So is there a winner?

- There is a winner.

- And who's the winner?

- Keith. I think I know him.

- Oh, really?

- Yeah. I know the name looks real familiar.

- Oh, girl. Is that like as in Adam knew Eve?

- No, no, no, no, no.

- Is that you were down on your knees praying to God, and--

- I don't think I ever did to him. No, I think, you know, I used to work at Tenneco all those many years. I don't know. Maybe.

- Well, OK, Keith. Thanks for listening and thanks for winning.

- Yeah. I'll send a nude picture of myself with the tape so--

- Oh, please Mary. Don't--

[LAUGHS]

- I would like to play just one last song, and I'll drop this police thing.

- Oh, OK.

- For all those who are listening.

- Until. Next week

- HPD, yeah. Well, here we go.

[MUSIC - REM, "IT'S THE END OF THE WORLD AS WE KNOW IT"]

- I would like to be in one of those staff meetings, when they're all sitting around with their coats off and their--

- Yeah?

- --feet up on the table going, good God. That hateful queen.

[LAUGHS]

In all fairness, they probably don't say that.

- I'll but not.

- Oh, well.

- I'll bet they're more graphic than that.

- Hey, we're going to go see the Dalai Lama this afternoon.

- Oh, yeah?

- At Rice University. He's the spiritual leader, actually the leader of the Tibetan government, which is in exile because the Chinese ran in there and took over that place.

- Oh, didn't we go and help?

- Oh, no girl. They don't have any oil.

- Oh. I see.

- All they got is a lot of faith and a lot of prayers.

- Oh, yeah well--

- They've got a culture that--

- We can't sell that.

- A culture that's existed for thousands and thousands of years. But we certainly didn't rush right over there and help them. But I'd like to ask President Bush, George, if broccoli were the chief export in Kuwait, would we have sent the army over there? I think not. 90.1 FM, KPFT Houston. We're Pacifica. Have you guessed? Anyway, it is Easter Sunday morning. And I just saw the blues lady coming in.

- Easter Sunday.

- I'm sure she'll have a flawless sunrise service for you.

- What does that mean to you?

- It means a lot to me.

- Easter?

- Yeah. The Resurrection of Jesus.

- Oh.

- I mean, I believe that. I don't go to church because--

- You're kind of religious.

- --churches don't like me.

- Yeah.

- Oh, I'm very religious. I think that God, whether he's in the being of Jesus or Buddha or the force from Star Wars or whatever, is the infinite controller of everything. And we all are part of that. And this is the day that a lot of Christians celebrate his birth.

- Oh.

- Or his Resurrection, I'm sorry.

- Yeah. Resurrect.

- I'm so angry at these police. OK, I won't say that police thing again. I promise.

- Sure.

- No, I won't. I promise.

- Oh, OK.

- Here are the Doobie Brothers.

- Doobie Brothers?

- Yeah. Jesus is just all right with me. Easter Sunday on After Hours. And then, I got a very special Easter song just before the BBC News at 3:00. And then, I promise I won't say anything else about the police department. I love my job.

- Oh, I know you do.

- I really do.

- Mm-hmm.

- I love all these people. They're just a little misguided at times. Trying to show them the way.

- Oh, oh yeah?

[MUSIC - DOOBIE BROTHERS, "JESUS IS JUST ALRIGHT WITH ME"]

- Where'd Jimmy go? They went to find that queen. She's out in the lobby. He's asking about Easter. OK, Mary. What does Easter mean to you? Nothing?

- Easter baskets. I am not a religious person.

- At all.

- At all, period.

- So what makes the world go round?

[SIGH]

- I said, I'm not a religious person. I didn't say I was an atheist.

- Oh, OK. Well. So this Jesus thing, you don't have anything to do with that?

- No.

- OK.

- Well, I do.

- Good for you.

- Can I play one Easter song for those of us who do then?

- You just did.

- No, Mary. This is a real religious Christmas thing.

- Yeah, that's-- Yeah, that's cool.

- Or Easter. Why do I keep saying Christmas? I think it's because Philip's getting ready to go back to Florida.

- Yeah?
- We're going to Florida in six weeks.
- What does that mean to me?
- It means that I'm not going to be here. Six weeks from tonight, I'm going to be in St Petersburg.
- Uh-huh.
- And then, on May the 6th, my during my birthday.
- I've been to St Petersburg. It's a large town with many trailers and retired people in it.
- And a beautiful beach. And we will be laying out there doing all kinds of illegal acts--
- Oh, good for you.
- --in the middle of the night. And uh, what else? And then we'll go to Walt Disney World on May the 6th, which is my birthday, and see Mickey Mouse.
- You mean, you're not going to be here for your happy birthday?
- To hell with this place, Mary.
- Oh.
- I'm going to go to Florida and have some fun.
- Well, that'll save me some bucks. I won't have to buy a birthday present.
- And we're going to stay at the Parliament House.
- Oh.
- Where the men come together.
- In all ways.
- God knows what's going to happen. Anyway, this is Easter Sunday. And for those of us who do celebrate Easter, this is for you, or for those of us who don't, or those of you who don't, then I'm sorry. Just close your ears for two or three minutes.
- Just get over it, girls.
- But this is one of my favorite gospel albums. It's by a young man by the name of Don Francisco, who I'm sure is gay. And I'll tell you why. I'll play a song that he wrote after this.
- I love gospel. I'm not religious, but I love gospel.
- This is beautiful. This is his Easter thing called, *He's Alive*, OK?
- Oh, OK.

- You ready?

- Sure.

- Here we go. And you're listening After Hours on KPFT. The Blues Ladies coming up at 3:00.

- No, at 4:00.

- Oh, really?

- BBC at 3:00.

- Damn. I was going to try to sneak outta here. So that won't work.

- No.

- OK. Here's Don Francisco. It's called, *He's Alive*. Sort of an Easter message. Isn't that nice?

- It's very, very pretty.

- Because I don't have anything against the faith-- my faith. They've never damaged that. It's the way that people in the churches all over the world have just bastardized-- is that a good word-- everything--

- Yeah, it's a real good word.

- --connected with religion.

- Oh, absolutely. That's why I'm so against it.

- All the ripoffs and all the other garbage that they feed and all the lies that they preach.

- And there's so few religions that accept gay and lesbian people.

- That's true.

- That's what I really, really hate.

- Anyway.

- They'll take our money, but they won't take us as we are.

- I have a-- I have another startling announcement after the news, from the BBC.

- Yeah?

- Yeah. It's a very exciting announcement coming up at 3:15.

- Oh.

- Immediately following news. Or not 3:15.

- You're just--

- It's 3:09, isn't it?

- You're just--
- It's only nine minutes.
- --full of surprises tonight.
- Yep. So we have a startling announcement coming up after the news of the BBC.
- No, I think it is 15 minutes.
- And then, the girls will be here with blues for you.
- Women. Women. Blues broads.
- That's true. The blues broads. Hmm, girl.
- Yeah, they are over 10 years old so--
- They are?
- Yeah. They're women.
- They are.

[MUSIC - "AFTER HOURS"]

- And in all fairness to the staff at HPD.
- Yeah?
- Chief Watson's doing an outstanding job.
- Yeah, absolutely.
- And Chief Jimmy Dodson, who I was talking about his committee, he's a fabulous human being. And I just need to educate them a little bit.
- Just a touch.
- Just a touch. And sometimes, the way to do that is to get their attention. Well, maybe we got their attention this morning.
- I'll bet so.
- Anyway. Hey, hun. News from the BBC coming up. And I want to thank that police officer that called a few minutes ago to say he was out there and listening. It takes a lot of courage to call this place, especially when we're here.
- Yeah, and we're queer.
- You know I mean? KPFT Houston, 90.1 FM. We'll be back. Sit down, girl. This isn't the queen music. This is London, not you.

- No. Everyone else should stand up for me.

- Oh, OK.

[LAUGHS]

[MUSIC PLAYING]