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- Senators and representatives have the distinguished honor of presenting the President of the United States.

Mr Vice President, Mr Speaker, members of the Senate of the House of Representatives. Yesterday, December 7 1941, a date which will live in infamy. The United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by Naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan.

The United States was at peace with that nation. And at the solicitation of Japan, was still in conversation with its government and its emperor, looking toward the maintenance of peace in the Pacific. Indeed one hour after, Japanese air squadrons had commenced bombing in the American Island of Oahu.

The Japanese ambassador to the United States and his colleague delivered to our Secretary of State a formal reply to a recent American message. And in this reply stated that it seemed useless to continue the existing diplomatic negotiations. It contained no threat or hint of war or of armed attack.

It will be reported that the distance of Hawaii from Japan makes it obvious that the attack was deliberately planned many days or even weeks ago. During the intervening time, the Japanese government has deliberately sought to deceive the United States by false statements and expressions of hope for continued peace.

The attack yesterday on the Hawaiian islands has caused severe damage to American Naval and military forces. I regret to tell you that very many American lives have been lost. In addition, American ships have been reported torpedoed on the High Seas between San Francisco and Honolulu. Yesterday, the Japanese government also launched an attack against Malaya.

Last night, Japanese forces attacked Hong Kong. Last night, Japanese forces attacked Guam last night, Japanese forces attacked the Philippine Islands. Last night, the Japanese attacked Wake Island. And this morning, the Japanese attacked Midway Island.

Japan has therefore undertaken a surprise offensive, extending throughout the Pacific area. The facts of yesterday and today speak for themselves. The people of the United States have already formed their opinions, and will understand the implications to the very life and safety of our nation.

As commander in chief of the Army and Navy, I have directed that all measures be taken for our defense. But always will our full nation remember the character of the onslaught against us.

No matter how long it may take us, to overcome this premeditated invasion, the American people in their righteous might will win through to absolute victory. I believe that I interpret the will of the Congress and of the people when I assert that we will not only defend ourselves to the utmost, but will make it very certain that this form of treachery shall never again endanger us.

[CROWD CHEERING]

Hostilities exist. There is no blinking at the fact that our people, our territory, and our interests are in grave danger. With confidence in our armed forces, with the unbounding determination of our people, we will gain the inevitable triumph. So help us God.

[CROWD CHEERING]

I ask that the Congress declare that since the unprovoked and dastardly attack by Japan on Sunday, December 7 1941, a state of war has existed between the United States and the Japanese Empire.

[CROWD CHEERING]

- It's wild, isn't it? And that's the way it was, 50 years ago today. I've never heard that entire speech before.

- Isn't that incredible?

- It's incredible that they're applauding war.

- Yeah, we haven't really changed much have we?

- No, funniest thing. That is something else. Of course, we all know the story. The war raged on, hundreds of people died, and as they do in all wars.

- And thousands of people died.

- And it finally ended when we dropped an atomic bomb on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. What's frightening about that whole episode in our nation's history is that America is made up of many people from different lands. And it always tickles me to hear people who say they are Americans, especially when they're talking about Blacks and Vietnamese. And anyone that they don't like, especially Asians, and Blacks, and Hispanics. Why don't those folks just go back where they came from.

- It's like well, honey where do you think you came from? I remember-- I love to watch Redd Foxx. I've watched Redd Foxx for years on TV, like all of us have. I remember one time, Redd Foxx was on Sanford and Son. And his kid, Lamont-- do you remember that show?

- Yeah.

- His kid, Lamont had decided that he was going to find his African roots. And he had changed-- he had thrown away his slave name of Lamont Sanford and adopted his African name, which was given to him by some African friends that fed him all this garbage. And his name was Kalunda.

- Kalunda?

- And that's what he wanted Fred to call him on this show, Fred Sanford. And he said, well, I wanted to trace my roots back to my ancestors and know where we came from. And Fred said, well, my ancestors came from Saint Louis.

Was like, girl.

Which is the whole point,

Get a grip. My ancestors came from Germany.

Yes.

And I'm not sure other than that. I know that my grandmother's grandparents came to this country during the time that Hitler was killing and massacring people in those days. And they said we got to get the hell out of here. We need to get to America. And I can hear my grandmother as a child talking about coming to this-- her grandparents talking about coming to this. Country. And her mother talking about coming to this country.

Yeah my half-- I am half Czechoslovakian. on my mother's side and her parents came from the old country. That was a bit before Hitler.

It's amazing, I guess where we all come from. But what I was leading up to, I guess is the darkest chapter of this whole story was when Americans, with good intentions I'm sure because they were afraid. And when we do things out of fear, we do things really that are pretty stupid. We went out and rounded up Japanese-Americans and put them by the thousands in internment camps.

- Concentration camps.

- OK, that's a good word because that's exactly what it was.

- That's the word.

- Concentration camps-- and they were locked up and watched.

- The only thing different with our concentration camps and Germany's concentration camps is that we didn't kill people.

- I saw a report--

- But the horrible things that happened is that all of these American citizens lost everything they own.

- Of course, they did. Only because of who they were.

- That's right. And the other funny thing about it is because they couldn't pose as if they were someone else, because of their looks.

- Like gay people, you mean?

- Like gay people. And I've talked with some Houstonians-- older Houstonians who said, it's amazing that during the war, during World War II, nobody in Brenham was German. They were either from France or from Austria, but nobody in Brenham was German.

- I don't understand how we could do that to Americans. But I don't understand how they can treat us like garbage either.

- Sure.

- You know what I mean? And we remember because if it happened then, it could happen now. Today they talk about putting people who are AIDS positive, people who have full blown AIDS in camps--

- Yeah

- Where we can watch them.

- We've been hearing that since 1981.

- We certainly have.

- And it hasn't gone away.

This past week, I saw on CBS or ABC or NBC, one of the commercial news stations, a report very well done by a Japanese-American whose grandparents were victim to this ignorance, and they were locked up in a camp. And they went back to Arizona and visited the desert where the camp used to be. And his grandmother was in tears and talked about how they were.

Her husband was at work and the children were at home, and they were met at that they were met at the door by people who claim to be agents from the government and they were whisked away. And how her husband was rounded up at work, and they were drug off in the middle of the night. And to hear these stories is frightening.

Even then, a child to think about things like that happening in America.

- Yeah.

- The land of the free and the home of the brave.

- That was pretty hushed up for many, many years.

- Of course, it was and it still is. And unfortunately, it will probably be written out of the history books like everything else that's ugly in this country that they don't want you to know.

- Now that's one thing, like the Holocaust, we must remember. Anyway, I don't know why we're talking about Pearl Harbor.

- Because it's Pearl Harbor.

- Other than 50 years ago today happened.

- And even at my age, I'm too young to remember it. And I'll bet most of our listeners are too young too, but this is history, kids and we need to remember it this because if things like that could happen once, they could happen again.

- You betcha.

- We have a new mayor in Houston. His name is

- Lanier?

- Do you really not know? You had this blank look on you.

- I was in.

- His name is Bob Lanier--

- I was in Galveston all day.

- Bob Lanier, a successful businessman and River Oaks, who was fired by Kathy Whitmire from the Metro Board. It will be interesting to watch this transition of power.

- No kidding.

- Because she and he did not get along at all, that's no secret. And they with the very being, Bob Lanier and Sylvester Turner, who is a representative from Austin and a lawyer here in town. Sylvester Turner was defeated today by Bob Lanier. Mr Lanier will become our Councilman in January, I mean our mayor.

- Yes

- I am having a note here because someone asked me about council.

- Oh

- Do you need-- does anyone know the results of the council races? Yes George-- not George.

- Jefferson

- No, no no what's his name that lost? The one that's been in there forever, girl it was just defeat.

- Oh yeah, you talked about

- Larry McCaskill.

- Larry McCaskill.

- Larry McCaskill was defeated after years in city council by someone who ran against him. Beverly Clark, after serving one term of office has been defeated by Gracie Signs. Do you remember Beverly Clark? There was completely unknown.

Jim Westmoreland said, let's call that new airport building nigger international after Mickey Leland, and immediately everybody hated him. We should have hated Jim Westmoreland, because Jim Westmoreland never went to council meetings. He was like taking this city for a, child. He was never there. That's what we should have got rid of Jim Westmoreland.

- So anyway

- Beverly Clark was very good.

- Because of the things we did, the way we do things.

- And Gracie is very good.

Beverly Clark was elected to that office two years ago. She's now out, replaced by Gracie Signs. And Larry McCaskill who served for years in the city council has gone. Judson Robinson Junior follows in his father's footsteps, defeating Lloyd Kelly who was a Lieutenant at the police department. It was a very close race, all night long. It was a very, very close race. Helen Huey, that's who defeated McCaskill.

- Helen Huey?

- OK

- I didn't know that.

- Well, that's not my district.,

- It's not mine either. So it's a citywide thing though, Mary we voted for or we did not. That's district A.

- Not for McCaskill.

- No I didn't do that. I voted for the other things, Citywide races.

- Right

- Judson Robinson is following in his father's footsteps, which I think is kind of nice. Who else? What else happened? There was another one, wasn't there? Gracie Signs, Larry McCaskill, Judson Robinson is in.

- Well, if there was another one.

- Is there something else, Richard?

- Cab

- Cab-- Cab Calloway

- Cab Calloway no Al Calloway.

OK, not Cab Calloway.

- You can't always [INAUDIBLE].

- Yeah, that's right.

- Oh he beat her?

- So our Cab Calloway is back--

- Well.

- --with his Dixieland band.

- Well, we've got to get some good music going then.

- I can't believe that I said Cab Calloway in one night, now that was too funny. Anyway, that's about it for Pearl Harbor and politics.

- No, one more thing about World War II. The other thing that I think is kind of a blemish on our record is the actual dropping of those bombs on those cities. What we killed in those cities were not soldiers who were fighting, we killed civilians.

- Well, innocent people die because of war, that's just a fact of life. And because of ignorance. And hundreds of people continue to die in this country because of ignorance, and that's one reason I was in such a bad mood last weekend. I found out that Craig, a friend of mine, Craig, his brother had died in an automobile accident last Friday. And it wasn't until Monday that I found out about this, this past Monday.

- After everything.

- After everything was over. And yet to make things worse, I actually knew his brother better than I know Craig because I had met him over the computer bulletin boards and had talked to him a great deal.

He was a big video buff and I was a big video buff. And we both talked a lot about how lonely we were and how hard it was to meet people, and especially being gay and the environment I'm at out in at HPD and this and that. Everybody thinks, oh you're just surrounded by people and that's not true. And he was sort of in the same boat.

And he talked a lot about how he was so afraid of being alone and now he's died alone. And it just really upsets me about that. Anyway, speaking of being upset and holidays and how much our parents don't-- we don't go home.

- Oh yeah.

- Next week we're going to be talking to Lee Willis with the Montrose Counseling Center, and she's going to be discussing holiday depression and how we can deal with it.

- Those old Christmas blues.

- And we're going to play some good Christmas stuff for you that I guarantee you don't hear anywhere else from our fabulous album, *Dyke The Halls* and a brand new one called--

- *Venus Envy*.

- *Venus*.

- *Venus*.

- You'll figure it out in a minute, kids. But before that, I want to play a song that we played for quite a bit that got me into a little bit of controversy around here. I can't do anything, it seems like.

Jimmy, straight Jimmy was talking about this earlier, people call up and they complain because we play too much music, we don't play enough music. They complain because we talk too much, we don't talk enough. You're not bitching about this or you're bitching too much about that, and it's like, girl, I give up. I can't do it.

But a while back, I bitched constantly I think from the very beginning about the injustices that were going on in South Africa because I really don't understand how a small handful of white folks can run a whole country full of Black folks and saying--

- Doesn't make a whole lot of sense.

- --all the Black folks that were born and raised here, we came in in a boat but we're taking over and--

- Right. And you're second class citizen.

- Oh girl. But during all that time, we played this song rather religiously by Hugh Masekela. And it talks about a gentleman by the name of Nelson Mandela, and I have something to say about that in just a second. Let's just listen to the song right now.

We used to play this wishing that it would happen. And now it's as the Berlin Wall came down and as communism has fallen down, and as so many wonderful things have happened in the last few years, it's kind of scary, isn't it?

- It is.

- So many great things happening?

- Waiting for the other shoe to fall.

- We actually did see Mandela free after years of being imprisoned, and this is a little song that we played. Nelson Mandela is in Houston today, this weekend. He will be at the Rothko Chapel this morning at 10:30, between 10:30 and 11:00 sometime down there at a very limited engagement because it's not a very big building.

Actually, President Jimmy Carter will be here, they're giving away some humanitarian awards or something. I'm not really sure what's going on there. But then Mandela will be out at TSU this afternoon--

- TSU gymnasium.

- --at 4:00, is that right? At 4 o'clock to speak.

- And seating for 5,000 or 6,000 for first come first serve.

- So that'll be incredible. Anyway, we're going to play this little tune and then we'll be back to talk a little bit more about Mandela. And then we'll have some Christmas goodies for you all right here on *After Hours*, so stay with us. Hang on.

- 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 right.

- 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, Protestant and Catholic 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!

- 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 tonight that we as a people will get to the promised land.

[APPLAUSE]

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.

[APPLAUSE]

- When we allow freedom ring.

[MUSIC - TRACY CHAPMAN, "FREEDOM NOW"]

- Jews and Gentiles, Protestant and Catholic will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, free at last! Free at last!

- 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.

[MUSIC - TRACY CHAPMAN, "FREEDOM NOW"]



- What do we want?
- Gay rights.
- When do we want it?
- Now.

- What do we want?
- Gay rights.
- What do we want?

- Gay rights.
- When do we want it?
- Now.

[MUSIC - TRACY CHAPMAN, "FREEDOM NOW"]

[CHATTER]

- 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 Christ!
- The--

[CHATTER]

- Quiet!
- Quiet. Quiet!
- The suspect is Supervisor Dan White.

- On November 27, 1978, San Francisco's Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk were assassinated in City Hall. Harvey Milk had served only 11 months on San Francisco's Board of Supervisors, but he had already come to represent something far greater than his office. A year before he was gunned down, Harvey Milk tape recorded a will.

- This is to be played only in the event of my death by assassination. I fully realize that a person who stands for what I stand for, an activist, gay activist, becomes the target or the potential target for somebody who is insecure, terrified, afraid, or very disturbed themselves.

Knowing that I could be assassinated at any moment of any time, I feel it's important that some people know my thoughts. I stood for more than just a candidate. I have never considered myself a candidate. I have always considered myself part of a movement, part of the candidacy. I wish I had time to explain everything I did. Almost everything was done in eyes of the gay movement.

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

- Yes.

- Come on out. Join us. Bring your friend. What do you think about the turn out so far?

- Well, it's never 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]

- Assemblies 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 has 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. Option is to go to California.

[LAUGHTER]

[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, and disabled, and seniors, the us-es, the us-es, without hope, the us-es 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.

- You know, baby, I just wish once we could do a show without making somebody mad. I don't think that's going to happen.

- No, I don't--

- Because this guy today called tonight and said I was a hypocrite, I guess because I was talking about seeing him at the tubs. That's between me and him, and that can die.

- Yeah.

- And last week I had somebody mad at me because I said I had a list of people that hated me. And he said he wishes that I would quit telling people that he hates me. Well, I wish so many people out there would quit hurting me so much.

Maybe it's the fact that people hurt me and I take that as you don't like me very much. If you don't support what we're doing, if you have never supported what we do, and I'm not pointing fingers at any one person, I'm just talking in general. And when I ask for people to get involved, I'm not talking about just me donating my time here, I'm talking about calling the Switchboard in the middle of the night and there not being anybody there.

Because I know that Harvey Milk's dream of equality is real. On November the 27th-- I couldn't tell you this last week because Brian Bradley with Queer Nation was here. But on November 27, on the anniversary of the killing of Harvey Milk, I was sitting in my captain's office at the Houston Police Department.

He was asking me to participate as an openly gay person in a meeting that the Houston Police Department was having with Queer Nation because Queer Nation is wanting to put together some kind of patrol in the Montrose area. And all I could think about was, god, Harvey, you were right. This is the way to change it. The only way to change it is to be out and be yourself and continue to struggle and move forward.

And god, I hope I have the energy to hold on and ignore the people that don't like me. And ignore the people that don't support me, and ignore the fact that I may not have any-- I keep telling you, god damn it, don't you listen? I keep telling you that I don't have any of the answers to life. I keep telling you that the answer is within yourself.

I keep telling you that if people don't support you, you have to get up and go and go and go. And I just hope I have the strength to do it not for you but for myself because another one of my friends was buried last week and he died alone. And all the things that he was afraid of came to pass at his death and that really is sad. I think that's sad.

Anyway, this is *After Hours* on KPFT, and it's radio celebrating life and it really hacks some people off, doesn't it?

- It seems to do that.

- Anyway.

- Just because we come on the air and tell it how we feel it is.

- This program didn't come with a book of instructions. And I remember Greg Gordon who does *This Way Out* with Lucia Chappelle, and Lucia Chappelle telling me, well, there are people there in Houston that can help you. Well, Lucia, they never did and I'm doing the best I can.

And I know it doesn't make everybody happy but, hey, I'm sorry, life hurts and it's hurt me a lot. And you're right, I'm very angry but I'm also very hopeful because people like Harvey Milk and Lori Rodriguez and you continue to give me hope.

We'll just see what this rich guy from River Oaks is going to do for us.

- Oh.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

Give them the benefit of the doubt. I really hope he does what he says he's going to do. Because for me at the police department, it's only going to be great. And for you out here in the jungle, it's only going to be great with this crime and crap.

I'm really afraid to walk around in the streets anymore in Montrose. I never had been up until a few months ago. I guess this is because so many people are being shot and stabbed.

- Yes, and I don't know, I'm still not sure if it has increased or if we're just getting--

- Are we just aware of it?

- Yeah. Is it just getting into the news nowadays?

- I don't know. Anyway this is something that you won't hear on those other radio stations.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

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

- And they'll be here at midnight.

- Yeah.

- Now that's us at midnight.

- No, that's us at midnight. We'll be here.

- And you'll sport through at 9 o'clock on Friday.

- Friday mornings till--

- Through all this time on Mondays at 9:00.

- Mondays at 9:00.

- Yeah.

- 9:00 PM.

- That's right. I remember thinking, I'm the only one. I'm the only one who feels this way. There's got to be more to life than this.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

As a small child growing up in Arkansas, I thought I was the only one that felt this way. And today, 30 years later, I hear the same thing from young people all across the Houston area, I'm the only one.