

[MUSIC PLAYING]

- In the heat of the night.

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

- In the heat of the night.

- Is that F as in Frank?

[LAUGHTER]

- How rude.

- No, girl. That was Lily. She's getting ready for "The Sodomy Song."

- Oh, I see.

- Those were the blues, girls.

- Yeah, boy, that is really a fine promo.

- Girl, that makes me nervous.

- We ought to have a contest sometime for our listeners to kind of write down all of the words they think are bleeped out--

- That might be fun.

- [LAUGHS] --in "The Sodomy Song."

[LAUGHTER]

- Speaking of sodomy, we're going to be--

- Do you know what the words really are?

- We're going to be talking about Mark Weaver, the leader of the American Family Institute for Better Technology or something. I don't know.

- She's the leader of the pack, right.

[LAUGHTER]

- In Austin, Mark Weaver.

- You are talking about the nonsensical ravings of a lunatic mind.

- That's her.

- She's that lady that didn't want anybody to do it when we're all doing it. She's kind of like Nancy Reagan. Just say no.

- [LAUGHS]

- Yeah, just say no. But we say yes. And we happen to be doing it.

- Mm-hmm.

- I'd be doing it right now with him--

- Oh.

- --if all you guys weren't watching.

[LAUGHTER]

- The guy sitting behind you with the shirt on just like yours?

- Yes, Mary. We have matching shirts on.

- Yes.

- And just be careful, because a couple of weeks ago--

- I know. And lovely shirts they are.

[LAUGHTER]

- Making note of that, baby. She gets out of line, she's history. And we know she's getting close to being history, you all. OK, wait a minute. We better be nice.

- Yes.

[LAUGHTER]

- Mary should--

- Or I'll be out of this free job I've got.

- Should we do this "Sodomy Song?" You want to? We haven't played it in quite awhile.

- I know. I've had a lot of people ask me about we call each other Mary a lot.

- Yes.

- And they don't understand it. And I don't know how to explain it exactly except by saying I remember seeing a cartoon once--

- Girl.

- --about--

[LAUGHTER]

No, not that kind of cartoon.

- OK, go ahead. There are two leather men sitting together at the table-- chaps and leather, motorcycle jackets and the hats and all of that. And they're talking to each other. Next to them is a table with two little old ladies who are obviously talking about the leather men. And one says to the other, and you know, Mabel, the funniest thing, they're both named Mary.

[LAUGHTER]

- Girl.

- That's as close as I can get to explaining it to you.

- OK, can you explain this, "The Sodomy Song?"

- Hmm, not on the air.

- See? You got to understand. This is the state of Texas that has a Sodomy Law, where it's illegal to do anything other than do it in the missionary position for the purpose of childbirth.

- Right.

- Now you know we're all doing it.

- [LAUGHS]

- You know what I mean, boys and girls?

- Oh, right. And all the straight people are only doing it for procreation too, right?

- Yeah, can you say doing it? Everybody's doing it.

- [LAUGHS]

- No, never mind. OK but this is Ron and Paul's answer to the sodomy situation. And I would like to dedicate this this morning to our good friend here in Houston who just needs to get a grip--

- [CHUCKLES]

- --Dr. Steven Hotze Totsie.

- Oh, yes.

- Dr. Steven Hotze--

- You are talking about the nonsensical ravings of a lunatic mind.

- He and that group of-- what were they called, Mary? The Straight Slate? The Straight Slate.

- Is that what it was?

- Yes, and their sister in Austin, Reverend Mark Weaver--

- Oh, dear.

- You are about the nonsensical ravings of a lunatic mind.
- They don't want us--
- Two lovely, lovely people.
- Two lovely ladies.
- [LAUGHS]
- They don't want us doing it. But god, girls were doing it.
- Yeah, everybody's doing it.
- These are the same people who don't want to teach teenagers about condoms.
- No, don't say the condom word. Somebody might get--
- They just want to tell 17 and 18-year-olds not to do it.
- Well, we're doing it. I'll do it as soon as I get home unless he goes to sleep.
- [LAUGHTER]
- But then it might be easier to do it. He won't put up such a fight.
- I see.
- Anyway, we better play this song. This is Romanovsky & Phillips, and it's called "The Sodomy Song." And this is After Hours Radio celebrating live from the heart of Montrose 90.1 FM KPFT Houston. We're here.
- We're queer.
- We certainly are.
- We're fabulous. Oh, get used to it.
- [LAUGHTER]
- Girl, let's just play the song.
- I think so.
- OK.
- [MUSIC PLAYING]
- It's hard to believe in a land like this.

- 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.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

- Only an [BLEEPS] would care what goes into our [BLEEPS] and who puts it there. And only a person who's really repressed would attempt to decide but we can turn back the tide by refusing to hide when they attempt to decide for the rest.

- Is that F as in Frank?

- What, baby?

- What am I drawing?

- What?

- A car.

- The silver Mazda.

- The silver Mazda. [LAUGHS]

- The one with the [INAUDIBLE].

- My new husband is going to the store for us. Isn't he gorgeous?

- [LAUGHS]

- No. I'm not going to comment. That's where I got into trouble last time.

- OK.

- He really is.

- So what do we do, Frank? Did you say we play this? Should we listen to this thing again?

- Yeah, yeah, yeah. Do that again. It's good.

- Would you have something else to read?

- Well, I just have some notes. You asked about what happened in Austin. I took some notes and wrote some stuff.

- OK.

- Do we want to talk about the bimbo?

- No.

- Oh, OK.

- I'm not going to mention the bimbo.
- The bimbo?
- [LAUGHS]
- What? Did Steven Hotze go up there?
- I just commented it on the cover of *TWIT*.
- Oh, god.
- *TWIT* is *This Week in Texas*, the statewide bar magazine basically.
- Ha. Wait a minute, Mary. There's nothing in there, is there?
- Well, see, there's nothing on the cover that tells you that anything happened in the state.
- Is there anything in there?
- Yes, there is one thing.
- Ha.
- Pictures. I'll do the total text content of their coverage of the march.
- But, Mary, those pictures are so small,
- It says, Snapshots-- March on Austin for Lesbian/Gay Equal Rights, March 17, 1991. Photographs by John Andrusic and Bobby Miller.
- I know.
- That's it.
- They should have had some sort of--
- But none of the pictures have captions. You don't know [INAUDIBLE].
- They're bad photos.
- Yeah.
- [LAUGHS]
- If you would like to win--
- We expected to have a march on Austin on the cover. Instead, we have this very good looking guy. And we were discussing him because--
- He's cute.
- --when I saw this, I know this guy. And he's very active in the community, and he's a member of the Mantra Singers.

- Who, weren't they in Austin for the march?

- You bet.

- Why didn't they say this guy was in Austin for the march? They would have said that.

- Girl, I know. I know.

- Well, if you'd like to win these-- well, here. Let me see this--

- Isn't he cute?

- --*This Week in Texas*. And here's the two pages of news on the march. Let's see.

- You're going to rip them out.

- Ah.

- [LAUGHS]

- Ooh, that hurt.

- Yeah, we'll tear these out.

- Oh, oh.

- If you would like to win these--

[LAUGHTER]

- Our commemorative.

- If you're the 10th caller, we'll send you these. 526-4000 and 526-KPFT. Just call up and say give me those awful pictures.

- [LAUGHS]

- Girl, I'm just so mad because nobody ever talks about gay anything.

- Somebody's calling.

- And somebody's actually calling. [LAUGHS]

- All right, but you know what? Every Friday, I go into the Twit office to pick up TWITs for the Gay and Lesbian Switchboard. And I won't be able to do this anymore. [LAUGHS]

- Of course you will, Mary.

- They did do a special report.

- They're not listening to us.

- They did a special report this week. It's on Mud Wrestling.

- [LAUGHS]

- Mud Wrestling.

- No, it's on Lone Star Volleyball Easter Weekend. Well, that's important. But it's not as important as 28,000 people. I'm sure there's not going to be 28,000 people at the Lone Star Volleyball classes.

- Hush, hey, hey, hey.

- It's international. There are people from Germany.

- Hey, you queens be quiet. You didn't hear it on the *TWIT*. But just in case you turned on--

- No, that is an important article--

- Hush, Mary.

- --because it's international.

- Hush, Mary.

- OK.

- Just in case you didn't hear it on and see it in the *TWIT*, you turn on the TV, you did hear it or see it on CNN.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

- CNN Headline News. I'm Gordon Graham. Thousands of people marched on the state capital of Texas yesterday speaking out for gay rights. As Anne Wentworth explains, the first openly gay legislator in the state joined their cause.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

- The crowd of gays, lesbians, and supporters that converged on the Capitol was both lively and colorful.

- We're queer. We're fabulous. Get used to it. We're here. We're queer.

- Their numbers surpassed all expectations, aided by glorious weather and a commitment to freedom.

- Well, it's a bright day and we're marching in the sunshine of human rights, asserting our claim to Thomas Jefferson's promise of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

- Tom, Jack.

- And leading the way is the man they hope will make a difference, newly elected state representative, Glenn Maxey.

- Well, we have to break down the barriers about discrimination where people are denied access to services, to employment, to housing just because of who they are.

- Who they are is why they're here.

- One of the things that's really sad is that, as lesbians with a child, we don't have very many protections at all.

- We are respectful people. Thank you.

- Oh, it's great.

- I think it's great. It's a beautiful day out. There's power out here. We're going to change the laws.

- Respect is what these marchers want, along with a repeal of the state's sodomy law, more money for AIDS research, and anti-discrimination laws. The march met with little resistance until it reached the state Capitol where the American Family Association was waiting to protest.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

- Led by Mark Weaver, the anti-pornography group tried to disrupt the march.

- This is a march today declaring that gay is OK, and it's not OK. Many of these people--

- And during our interview, it was evident that their presence fueled heated emotion.

- [INAUDIBLE]

- What you can't see is there's some queen in the crowd that runs up and jerks the sign out of Mark Weaver's hand that says, homosexuals are going to hell, or Jesus loves you, but you're dead meat, or something. She grabs the sign out of his hand and bashes it in the ground and then tells her to f--- the finger of fate the word.

- Oh my.

- [LAUGHS]

- Yeah.

- And then they go on with their story.

- [INAUDIBLE]

- [INAUDIBLE]. Plus, they're very violent people.

- --are gentle loving people.

- Peace, not violence, was the intention of this march, which proceeded without further incident to the Capitol steps for a rally.

- Today, this Capitol building belongs to you.

[CROWD CHEERS]

- Maxey says he has a new slogan he's using in the legislature when asked about being gay. They'll just have to get over it. He and this crowd don't plan on waiting around. They want gay rights now and are hoping that strength in numbers will make a difference.

[CROWD CHEERS]

Anne Wentworth in Austin, Texas for CNN.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

- Anyway, so that's sort of what happened from CNN.
- That's pretty nice.
- Yeah.
- That was a good report.
- Very nice.
- Yeah.
- Hello?
- [INAUDIBLE]. Hello?
- Hello.
- Hey.
- Who's this?
- This is Walter.
- Walter?
- Hi, Walter.
- Hey.
- So, Walter, you want these pictures from *This Week in Texas Magazine*?
- Oh, well, go ahead.

[LAUGHTER]

- You are so easy. [LAUGHS]
- No, never mind. Did you go to the march?
- Ah, no, I didn't get to go. I was here. I had to make plans to come here for the Pet Shop Boys concert.
- Ah.
- Hey, was that a good show?
- Yeah, it was real good.
- Well, I wish we had tickets to that.
- Didn't one of them just come out recently?
- I think Neil Tennant, the lead singer, is. I'm not sure.

- Yeah, I've read somewhere in a British magazine where he finally came out.
- Well, listen, congratulations and thanks for winning.
- All right, thanks.
- You live in Dallas?
- Yeah.
- And you just came down for the concert?
- Well, I used to live here.
- Oh, really? So you've heard us before.
- Yeah, I've ran from you all a couple of times too.
- Oh, great.
- Oh, no, yeah.
- Well, thanks for calling and thanks for listening.
- Well, Walter--
- Hang on.
- --I didn't bring any Pet Shop Boys with me, but we've got some Erasure to play later.
- OK.
- OK?
- All right.
- Hey, thanks for listening.
- All right.
- OK. And you know what's funny?
- What?
- If they had told anyone there was going to be a march on Austin and given us some notice, maybe they'd have got 128,000 people.
- Well, yeah, they probably would have had a lot more people.
- That was the problem. We had a committee of one to promote it.
- Are you serious?
- One inexperienced man.

- Oh, Mary. And they had 28,000 people and six porta potties?

- Well, yeah.

[LAUGHS]

- Could you imagine?

- To clarify that, the march expected only 15,000 people. So that's why there were only six porta potties.

- Six would be enough for 15,000?

- Well, yeah.

- [LAUGHS]

- If you share.

- If they'd known there was going to be 30,000, they would have had 12 at least.

- Oh, give potty a break.

- Each porta potty was a two seater.

- Oh.

- And if you get real nice--

- [LAUGHTER]

- --with the guy standing next to you waiting in line, you can go two at a time. We're not knocking the march.

- No.

- The march is a great idea.

- It was wonderful.

- It's just when in the hell are these queens going to realize what Harvey Milk said 15 years ago that if you have a circus, you have to put up the poster and nobody comes.

- That's right.

- We've got 300 to 400,000 gay and lesbian people in Houston.

- Alone.

- And we get 20,000 to come down here in the parade in a beautiful day in June, and I think that's obscene. Of course, I think it's also obscene that the gay publications here don't publicize anything.

- The *Voice* did a good job this time.

- Oh, yeah, OK. Let's not get on the papers.

- Well, we've got to be fair to them.
- Well, they don't like us anyway, girl.
- Well, that's true.

- How many people do?

My friend, Philip, we were standing in Roger's. He was standing there in Roger's Room the other day. And there's a magazine article about the show that was published in the *Montrose Voice*, a big half page thing, written by Bill O'Rourke.

- Oh, the Bill O'Rourke article. That was wonderful.

- And Phillip said, that's a nice article. That was on right after you came out on the show? I said no, the show went on the air in September of 1987. And that article was published in the *Montrose Voice* talking about our gay radio show in November, 1988.

- Yeah.

- So here I am, openly gay at the police department-- Over a year later. And a year later, they. they didn't make a big deal. You know what's funny, Mary? I always thought they'd run down here and get on to me for being gay and at the police department. But nobody really seems to care, especially the gay press.

[LAUGHS]

Thank you for your support.

- I still think that article by Bill was great. And I remember, the night he was here.

- It was wonderful.

- Yeah.

- And we appreciate that. We'd like them to wake up--

- Hello?

- --and realize that there are lots of us here. So, 526-4000 and 526-KPFT. If you went to the march, did you have something you wanted to read first?

- OK.

- Do you want something under that?

- Yeah, I just want to say a little bit about the march.

- You were there, weren't you?

- Yeah, I was there for a good deal of it. I got up there Sunday morning. But you know, that fundamentalist guy, Mark Weaver, was there. They focused on him. But what they didn't focus on were the clergy from Austin that were instructed. They called the march organizers, these Catholic priests. They were instructed by their superiors to not attend the march, to not

- Participate in the march.
- Wait a minute.
- So they called--
- The Catholic?
- Yeah, the Catholic Church in Austin said that the Catholic priests in Austin could not march in the protest to the Capitol. So what happened is the Catholic priests were in the crowd watching. I always say, oh, those damn Christians or stuff like that. But it's like these guys were really on our side, but they were instructed to not do that.
- Forbidden. Forbidden.
- Forbidden, yeah, absolutely. They were forbidden.
- Well, the Catholic Church is against us all the way.
- Right, but once again--
- Not everybody in the church is against us.
- --it's sort of like buddies thing with the police.
- No, the pope.
- --it's not all of them.
- Yeah, the pope, the one up there who doesn't play the game but he makes the rules.
- And those gowns she wears.
- Mm-hmm.
- But what I would have liked to have seen that guy do with that sign is hit Weaver across the face with it.
- Whoa, whoa, whoa.
- [LAUGHS] I know. We're non-violent.
- Why, baby?
- Well, because--
- Mary, you can't assault people. Then you'll get arrested.
- Whoa, whoa, whoa, wait though, wait.
- Nothing like that but he becomes a martyr.
- Then to see if he would turn his other cheek like all the good Christians are supposed to do. I'm just kidding. Of course, I would never want to see that.

- He would use it to become a martyr.
- Oh, absolutely. And he played that up with the media.
- Well, you said somebody threw red something on him.
- Yeah, I saw him. After the march, he was covered with this red liquid. I don't know what it was. Yeah.
- I have friends who live in Austin, and they're just over him.
- Please invite him on the show.
- People--
- All he wants to do is get his face in front of the TV cameras.
- Right, the general consensus seems to be from-- I talked to heterosexual people and gay people and lesbians in Austin-- is that Mark Weaver is a joke anymore. People are just tired of hearing him. And he's just meddling in affairs that aren't his business.
- And they're starting to wonder why he is so against gay people.
- Well--
- I think that what might happen in Austin is that Queer Nation may begin showing up at his functions.
- Oh, good.
- Yeah, exactly, because he shows up at every one of ours. He showed up at the inauguration. He showed up two years ago. He's there all the time. Doesn't he have a job?
- [LAUGHTER]
- He needs to get a life.
- OK.
- So, anyhow, there was a festival too. Did you hear about that?
- No.
- Festival was great. It was in Waterloo Park, which is like east of the Capitol. And they had I don't know how many different groups playing and from-- what are these things called? Cloggers?
- Yes.
- Yeah, that Country, Western kind of music.
- Cowboys.
- Cowboys. Yeah, they had cowboys with these weird shoes.
- Cowboys, cowboys, cloggers, right.

- And it's like Country and Western tap dancing.

- Yeah.

- That's the closest I can get to--

- Yeah, it was cute.

- --but, yeah.

- [LAUGHS] But they had them and they had like a lesbian choir. They had all kinds of entertainment. And it showed that we're just such a diverse community. And that's what needs to happen. People need to know that we're not just stereotyped into these--

- But people really know that, Frank.

- People don't know that.

- People do know that. The people I work with know that I'm not some nelly queen.

- Well good.

- And the majority of the people out there know that. We need to give the community, the heterosexual community, a little credit they know we're not a bunch of sissies.

- I would like to, but every time something comes up, something to vote on, the strange Christian groups come out with all these kind of lies about the Lesbian Gay Community, and people believe that crap.

- No, they don't believe that crap. When the referendum was defeated, the majority of the Houston voters stayed at home,

- That's true.

- It was those crazy radical religious people that went to vote.

- I understand that.

- And the goddamn gay community sat on its butt and didn't go vote. So don't blame the straight people. They were there. They didn't vote for it. And they didn't vote against it. So they weren't against us or they would have been 80% of the vote. Nobody voted because nobody really gives a damn. It's those vocal little crazy people like Mark Weaver and Steven Hotze. And it's our fault for sitting on our butts and letting them get away with it. So you don't say that the community is against us. They're not.

- Oh, no. They're not against.

- No, they're not against, but they don't know about us either.

- They don't know about us because we don't tell them.

- Well, that's what we need to do.

- I sat down at HPD for how many years before I started doing this show. I never once said, hey, you shouldn't make fag jokes because they're not funny. I'm gay, and they offend me.

- I worked for Tenneco for 19 years, and I never did that either.

- So what are we saying?

- I know.

[LAUGHTER]

I know.

- So don't say they don't. We don't give them a chance a lot of times.

- That's why it's hard for me to get angry at people who won't come out because I was there. I was in those shoes.

- I thought that I couldn't come out.

- Why would gay police officers come out to a community that's not there when the largest march in the state takes place in Austin and all they see on the cover of the *TWIT* is what's going to happen at the Academy Awards?

- [CHUCKLES] You know.

- I know.

- Why would they want to come out to this community? There's no community to come out to. All they hear is one screaming queer, me. No wonder they're scared to come out. I mean, give me a break. [SIGHS] Next. [LAUGHS]

- Yeah, really.

- Well, With *TWIT*, it seems that since Chuck Patrick left-- I'm not saying *TWIT* was really great then-- but since he left, it's gotten worse. It's just gotten worse. And I hope somebody's over there at *TWIT* is listening to this criticism because maybe they'll take it--

- There are some good people over there.

- There are. I know they are.

- Brian and Mark--

- Brian is great.

- --really work their butts off.

- But their standards have come down.

- Well, Mary, maybe we should invite them on the show.

- We'll see.

- But you got to understand. *This Week in Texas* is for the bars.

- Oh, right. I think that they're concerned that maybe if the people become politically active, they're going to get out of the bars and into the streets.

- What's wrong with that?

- Well, I think it's great. But see, *TWIT*'s the vehicle that keeps Texas gays ghettoized. They feed them all this diet of 976 numbers, male dancers, dirty bookstores--

- I can't buy that.

- --bars.

- There are national publications. There's *Inklings*. There's *Lobo*. There's gay and lesbian literature all over the place. People don't have to rely just on--

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

- Absolutely, Absolutely.

- Gay people don't know that though. A lot of gay people don't know that.

- You are the exception--

- That's it, Mary.

- --to the rule. Most of them go and pick up their little magazine on Friday night and it's like that's their connection with the community.

- How many of those gay people go to act up meetings? How many of those gay people volunteer at the Switchboard? How many of those gay men are not--

- Not nearly enough.

- Not any, Mary.

- Not nearly enough.

- Because Frank's right. They think that this is gay news, the *TWIT*.

- Even when I was in the closet, I looked for literature to find out about myself.

- But you're not like all these other queens out here, baby. There's something inside of you screaming, I got to get out of this mess. We're not the exception. We are the exception to the rule.

- I got to talk to a guy up in Austin that was one of like Mark Weaver's people, but he marched in the parade this time.

- What?

- The last time he was with Mark Weaver there, yeah.

- What made the change?

- Something happened. I don't know where along the way. Something happened. And he was like he had gone to total opposite from what he is today.

- Yeah.

- And now he's like this is wrong. These people are wrong. And it was great. And that happened right after I saw the guy with Mark Weaver and all that shit happened and it was crazy.

- OK, 526-4000 or 526-KPFT. We're taking your calls about the march on Austin. And, John, you have a question?

- Yes, I sure do.

- What's your question?

- I'd just like to state that I feel I don't have any anger or aggression towards gay people. I think that people who do are really immature, and they really have a lot of problems, because a lot of gay people are really nice people and some of the nicest people you'll ever know. And they're really not out to hurt anybody. Most bedroom stuff should be kept inside. It shouldn't be out in the open.

- That's true all the way around.

- Yeah, I don't want to see you doing it either.

- Yeah, I'm not interested in seeing anybody having sex in a public place.

- It's not the sex. Sex is beautiful. It shouldn't be for the public.

- That's true.

- Yeah.

- Well, listen, thanks for calling. Have a good night.

- Thank you very much, John.

- That's true too. I've talked about that. I don't like the police officers that I work with having to arrest men in the parks because these guys should not be out there in public places doing those things. There are too many places you can go-- the baz, the bookstores, my bedroom.

- Yeah.

- You know what I mean? They should not be out in public doing such things.

- You know what that stems from? It stems from 20, 30, 40 years ago when it was illegal for us to mate. It was illegal to have a gay bar. We did not have places to meet. We had to meet in certain areas of town or in parks or in restrooms.

- But it's not that way anymore.

- It is not that way anymore. So why does it continue?

- There's a lot of good things going on.

- I just don't know.

- Anyway, our friend from the AIDS Foundation is here. Your boss was here last week.

- Yeah, I heard what you all were talking about. The food pantry, I think.

- You bet we were talking to Bart Lozier with the AIDS Foundation.
- Hi, Bart.
- What's up?
- Hi, guys. How are y'all?
- Great, great. We sure do miss you. We need to have another safe sex thing soon.
- Bart, when is the A-Tisket A-Taske Stone Soup thing?
- It's always on, I think, Easter itself. So it should be a week from today.
- Yeah, Saturday and Sunday, I believe. Both days they're doing it.
- Probably so.
- So did you want to talk about the march?
- Well, yeah. I was there. And I was thrilled to be there. It was just one of the most empowering things for anybody who's gay to get a chance to go to. And when you have that many people marching for the rights, it's just such an incredible feeling walking down the street and shouting and screaming and just really basically saying we are who we are and we demand to be respected for that. God knows everyone else in the United States gets respect for who they are.
- Yeah.
- That's true.
- We're not asking for anything out of the ordinary.
- And it's very, very empowering for you to be around all those gay people.
- Mm-hmm, they very much though.
- Even when there's only 20,000 here in Montrose on a Gay Pride Sunday.
- Yeah, it makes you think like, why can't it be that way this way every day?
- Well, maybe one day, it can be. But the only way it can be that way is to keep fighting like we're doing and especially making our Voices heard like at the parade. I don't know if everybody heard at the march, but Urvashi Vaid was there as the special speaker.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

And she is-- what is she? The president of the National Gay and Lesbian Lobby? I think that's what she does.

- The Gay and Lesbian Task Force, wasn't it?
- That's it-- Gay and Lesbian Task Force.
- I heard she had a wonderful speech.

- Her speech just got us so riled up and just so ready to change things. We just wanted to start charging the group. It was just powerful. I assume they're going to do this again in the future. And I would encourage everybody who wants and who cares about being open and being themselves and being accepted without the fears, if they've got to play their part not just in coming to the march but also getting involved--

- That's true.

- And that means in all the organizations, like you mentioned-- you brought up a lot of factors about a lot of the apathy in our community. And our community is very, very diverse as a matter of fact. Probably, the only thing that you can say we have in great common is our sexual orientation. And that's what makes it so difficult for us to come together as one united group because we do come from many different cultures, political views, religious views. We're all very different and have basically just one thing really in common.

- That's why it takes so many support groups in the gay and lesbian community. From the Switchboard to EPPA, to this new gay Black support group.

- Plus, all the things that go on at the foundation.

- I think what's really important here is that we try to understand that we are a very diverse group, and we need to understand that we need the Unity by trying to understand the different cultures within our culture. And that Black, White, Asian, Hispanic, the different religious views and all that, it has to be respected and work together if we're going to get anywhere.

- That's one thing we have to do is respect each other. And until we do that, until we start working together, we're really in trouble.

- People don't understand how they can celebrate the differences between people rather than look at them as something to hate and abhor.

- Right.

- Listen, you're going to have to come down and do a safe sex workshop. Jimmy will talk to you, and we'll plan that. How's that?

- Just let me know the time. I'll come down any time.

- OK, great.

- Also, when your boss was here last week, we were talking about something we want to do for the parade. After Hours and KPFT in cooperation with the AIDS Foundation want to invite you to bring canned goods and moneys. And we'll be talking about the things that we need for Stone Soup to the parade this year.

- Yeah, because Evelyn was saying that, between Easter and Fall, there's not any real big fundraiser. And toward the end of the summer, Stone Soup kind of--

- It's empty.

- Yeah.

- Yeah, that's where we really do need a lot of extra help from the community.

- Yeah, so we were thinking why not do something during the parade?

- It's a terrific idea.

- We'll do that.

- I would also encourage everyone in the community, whether you're out or not, you don't have to be out to make a difference in getting the parade organized and helping the people who are working so hard at doing that.

- It's true.

- That is true.

- And this is the time to get involved with the parade that's not going to be until June. All the work that goes into it is going on now. And so, If someone wants to get involved, this is the time to do it and help make a difference.

- Listen, Bart, thanks for calling.

- OK.

- We'll have you on soon.

- OK, bye.

- You bet. Bye bye. Take care.

- Hey Danny.

- Hey.

- How are you?

- I'm fine.

- So what's on your mind?

- Well, I don't understand why you people like being gay because there's a lot of AIDS going around and all like this.

- Yeah?

- Yeah.

- And my friend, Richard, we're talking three way.

- So what's the question?

- Well, what do you all get out being gay?

- What do you get out of being straight?

- [CHUCKLES]

- Same thing.

- Same thing a thing.

- Listen, thanks for calling.

Hey, Jake?

- Yeah?

- How are you?

- All right, how are you doing?

- What's up?

- I'd just like to say I think you're queer and to die.

- Ha.

- Thank you very much

- Thank you.

- Thank you for calling in, Jake.

- [LAUGHS]

- He held a long time too.

- To say that, isn't that fun?

- Yeah.

- I guess he can't get a date.

[LAUGHTER]

- Oh, well, isn't that wild?

- That is wild on a Saturday night.

- Now, see? We're in the fourth largest city in the nation and we've had one guy call up and say, what do you get out of it, and another guy telling us he hopes we all die, and nobody listening apparently went to the march except Bart Lozier. But Bart, we can't count Bart, because Bart works for the AIDS Foundation and does all the safe sex workshops. And he's just as involved as we are.

- Yeah, he's an activist.

- So he doesn't count. I'm talking about everyday--

- Joes, people.

- --Mary Louise and Bob and Carol and Ted and Alice or Bob and Ted and Carol and Alice.

- [LAUGHTER]

- Something like that.
- OK, let's play a song, girl.
- OK.
- 526-4000 or 526-KPFT. And we'll talk to you about the march. How's that? 526-400 or 526KPFT.
- We were just talking about some of these strange callers and how they're calling up and--
- Well, it's not strange.
- Some of them calling up and saying, we want you to die and all that. And what they don't realize is that one of the guys answering the phones is straight. So their words are being wasted.
- I saw a guy carrying a sign on CNN that said, straight guy for gay and lesbian rights. It was great. Anyway, Alan or Alma?
- Alma, yes.
- I'm sorry, Alma, how are you?
- I'm fine, Thanks.
- What you got to say about the march?
- I'm just saying that I was there with the jealousy of the University of Houston.
- Yes. [APPLAUSE]
- All right, USA. One of my favorite groups,
- I'm a secretary.
- Is that the first time you've ever been out on something like that?
- Yeah, I was in the march here last June, my first one in Austin. And it was just amazing.
- Yeah.
- It was wonderful.
- No kidding.
- Did I meet you?
- Hello?
- Did I meet you at the GLSA meeting?
- I don't know. Who's this?
- This is. Jimmy.
- Yeah, I think so.

- Oh, OK.

- All right, I'm a Hispanic Secretary.

- Oh, OK, OK.

- So what did you think of it?

- Is that the meeting. I didn't get to go to?

- Yes.

- Probably, yes.

- OK.

- It was fantastic, yeah. It was my first one. And it is true, the people with the counterprotesters were there. But when you see the pitiful amount of them and 28,000 of us. It was really a wonderful feeling.

- Yeah.

- [LAUGH]

- There was like eight of them,

- Really?

- Yeah.

- Oh.

- [INAUDIBLE]

They're just never mind. And I really don't think they know any better. I live on campus over here, and you don't get a lot of discrimination, but you do get some. It's just mostly ignorance.

- We just have to talk to them. That's all.

- Yeah.

- But thanks for coming. Thanks for calling us. And Thanks for going to the March.

- You bet. I'll be there next time too.

- All right.

- We'll see you at the parade too, right?

- All right.

- And tell those folks out of GLSA that we're collecting canned goods and toilet paper and razors and shaving cream and all that kind of stuff for the parade. Talk that up--

- OK [? I'll mention it ?] at the next meeting.

- OK, good.

- All right, great.

- Thanks.

- Take care.

- Thank you.

- Hello? Hello?

- Hey, Matt.

- Hello, dear.

- I was [INAUDIBLE] some donuts.

- Oh.

- What are you doing? Making donuts or talking on the phone?

[LAUGHTER]

- Well, I didn't get to go to the march.

- But Ben did, huh?

- But Ben did with the band. And he said that it was great. Of course, he got to go to Vancouver. So it wasn't anything like that.

- Yeah, I'm sure it was a lot different. But still, just the fact that something like that could go on Texas, especially him being from a little town in Texas, he was really impressed. But the reason I was calling was the two kids that called in on a party line that wanted to know what we got out of it. I think that it's people like that, that's what coming out is all about is explaining to people when they ask questions like that. Because when I tell people--

- So what do you say to people like that, Matt?

- That it's not what they think. I mean, the sexual acts itself are an expression of a feeling, and it's the same feelings they have, him being a man, that he has towards women. And that what we do in bed is only an expression of that.

- Yeah, that's right. That's exactly right.

- And what I get out of it is for having been in a relationship for a year now with somebody, the first time in my life that I've had something like that, is a feeling of completeness.

- That's true.

- Yeah, I know. I've been with old Stan for, gosh, 13 years.

- Yeah, and there's a interesting article in the Sunday post in the religious section on a couple that's been together for 32 years, two men.

- Oh, really?
- Today's paper?
- Yeah, today's.
- Oh, really?
- Yeah. And it's the front page of the religious section.
- Are they from Houston?
- Yeah, yeah, they can come out now because they're both retired and they don't have to worry about retaliation at the job.
- Maybe we should get them on the show.
- Boy, no kidding.
- Yeah, it gets both of their names.
- Oh, good.
- Listen, Matt, thanks for calling.
- Sure.
- Thank you.
- Hey, Mike.
- Hey, buddy, how are you?
- Fine. How are you?
- Oh, I just came from heaven.
- [LAUGHS]
- Yeah?
- [LAUGHTER]
- Actually, no.
- Did you know that only gays and lesbians go to heaven?
- Well, of course.
- [LAUGHTER]
- Quite actually.
- Anyway, when is Ray Hill's trial?

- Oh, gosh, I don't even know.

- I want to go to it.

- Yeah. There was an article that I read lately, but it didn't mention anything about the trial. And I haven't heard from Ray at all. He'll probably be on the Prison Show tomorrow at 3:00.

- OK.

- And if I know Ray, he'll be talking about it. [LAUGHS]

- Well, I agree with Ray. I remember seeing him on television. He referred to the police officers goons as goons and that's exactly what they are.

- No, no, no, no, no, not all of them.

- But a huge percentage of them, buddy.

- No, not a huge percentage of them. If that were the case, they would be beating people right now. And baby, that doesn't happen. It doesn't happen. It's just like a huge percentage of gay and lesbian people aren't sissies.

- True.

- One bad apple spoils the whole bunch.

- True. And I would also like to put a plug-in for the National Organization of Black and White Men Together.

- You bet.

- And I've had a couple of meetings.

- Is there a chapter in Houston?

- Of course, there is.

- We need to have them on the show, Mary. We need to let the Switchboard know about it because the Switchboard doesn't even have that information.

- Look in the index of the *TWIT*.

- OK.

- It's not under BWMT. it's under MACT BWMT.

- Oh, OK.

- And it's Men of all Colors Together, Black and White Men Together.

- Oh, that makes sense.

- They've just expanded the arena

- That's cool.

- Good idea.
- Well, listen, thanks for calling.
- Yeah, there's a number listed on the *TWIT*. You can call John and then--
- We'll get that information--
- They'd be more than happy to be on the show because the last thing we attended, there was discussion on starting up a DRS line, which is a discrimination response system. That is, if you encounter a gay bar or gay restaurant that discriminates against men of color, you call that line and then it will be made public so the business will just change their attitude.
- That makes sense.
- You bet.
- We'll get Jimmy on there on the job and he'll get a hold of them.
- OK, it's a 45 [INAUDIBLE].
- OK.
- He'd be more than glad to be on your show 'cause BWMT or or MACT is--
- OK, we've got other calls waiting, so we'll get them on the show,
- Thank you. Bye.
- All right, thanks for calling.
- Bye bye.
- Hey, how are you?
- Good. How are you?
- All right, what's going on?
- Well, I wanted to respond to that heterosexist scumbag who called that saying he wished we would all die.
- [LAUGHS]
- Well, we get that a lot.
- Ah, wait a minute. OK, go ahead.
- Go ahead.
- OK, first of all, it really doesn't matter that he understands what we get out of being queer. It just doesn't matter.
- OK.
- As far as I'm concerned, it only matters to us.

- Right. I don't care what heterosexuals do in bed.
- Neither do I. And as for his wish that we all die, I think he should know that we're being born every day. And there are over 25 million of us in the US alone. We're here. We're queer. And he has to get used to it.
- That's right. And poor thing he may grow up to have homosexual children.
- Or he may just have to come out of the closet someday. You never know.
- Yeah, and I think that his whole attitude points up why we have to be visible as queer people because the only reason the post got away with not being an article on the gay rights march--
- Because we didn't say anything about it.
- --because we let them get away with it.
- Yeah.
- If every gay and lesbian person in Houston would call and say, I canceled my subscription, they would start printing our stories.
- Yes, I cancelled my subscription earlier this week.
- Thanks for calling.
- Good for you.
- Thanks for calling, baby.
- OK.
- We've got the news from the BBC coming up, so we got a few more calls. We're going to try to get to as many of them as we can.
Danny?
- Yes, I appreciate if you don't hang up on me this time. I have several questions. First of all, what's that parade you're talking about?
- The Gay Pride Parade in June.
- Yeah, what's it about like?
- What's it about?
- Yeah.
- Gay Pride.
- Gay Pride.
- Oh, all right, all right. Well, OK, I'm straight, but that was rude what that one guy said how y'all should die. I don't believe that. We didn't say it.
- No, no.

- OK.
- We weren't accusing you.
- But listen, we got five other calls waiting. We got other lines ringing. So what do you want to say? The parade is in June.
- Oh, I mean, I want to say when I said, I don't understand what y'all get out of it. I didn't mean like in bed either.
- Oh.
- I meant the whole thing.
- Because we are people of men who love men and--
- Can't explain it.
- --women who love women.
- If anybody could explain it, we could write a book and we could get rich or go on Oprah or something.
- All right.
- We could talk about it all night and still not get an answer. You know what I mean?
- Yeah.
- But we got other calls coming and the news coming on in about four minutes. So thanks for calling, Danny.
- Thank you for calling, Danny.
- All right.
- And we didn't mean to hang up on you.
- All right, thanks.
- You know what I mean? Hey, what's going on?
- Hi, I'm on the air?
- Yeah.
- You bet.
- OK, I'm straight and everything but what I want to talk about, first of all, if you want a good explanation about the evolutionary origin of homosexuality, I would suggest Edward O. Wilson's *On Human Nature*. He writes at least a chapter, but what I want to say is. Back in '80, I was arrested. And anyway, they had this guy that was in there with us. Now he was all messed up. And he did need to be restrained.
- But he told those police officers that they take off that gun and that badge and he would whip their ass. He also said a few other words. Well, the police threw him down on the ground and just beat the hell out of him. And it seemed like that was going on.
- Did he file a complaint with internal affairs?

- I don't know. I mean, I just seen it.

- When did this happen?

- '80.

- 1980?

- Yeah.

- It's 1991 .

- Well, I'm just saying that, in '80, that seemed like that was going on all the time.

- In 1980, they were raiding gay bars every night, harassing queers. They don't do that anymore.

- They don't?

- Nope.

- I mean, I live out of town, but I just saw that in 1980 and wanted to say that.

- That was 1980. That was 11 years ago. Things change.

- OK.

- [CHUCKLES]

- Thanks for calling.

- Sure.

- Hey, how are you?

- Hi.

- What's going on? We got a couple of minutes. The news is getting ready to come on.

- OK, I just wanted to tell you that I tape your show every Saturday so that I can listen to it over again during the week.

- Yeah?

- Yay.

- And my daughter who's 10, whenever we pull up at any place and I go, we're here. And she always goes, and we're queer.

[LAUGHTER]

- [INAUDIBLE]. And I have my daughter with another lady. [INAUDIBLE] You know, she knows about my lifestyle. And it's so cute. And we listen to Breakthrough. And one day, she was getting out of the car singing, we go with the lesbians. And I said, wait a minute.

- We go with the lesbians. Yeah, I know that song.

- Don't sing that out loud.

[LAUGHTER]

Because I sent her to private school.

- You know what funny? I've gone to work and heard people say, we're here. And I just want to say, we're queer.

[LAUGHTER]

- So I hired a girl at my job. I'm at work. And I ended up living in with her. And so now we pull up to work and she goes, we're here, and I go, and we're--

[LAUGHTER]

And I love you all so. And I listen to it every Saturday night. And I appreciate you all being on. I just want to tell you thank you.

- Thanks for calling, baby.

- All right, mm-hmm, bye bye.

- We've got news from the BBC coming up in about 60 seconds.

- We're here, we're queer just kind of evolved over time.

- [INAUDIBLE]. It was amazing. And it's kind of catchy.

- No. No.

- Yes, I think they're still on there.

- OK.

- We've only got like 60 seconds. Hello?

- Am I here?

- Yeah, we've got about 60 seconds. Who's this?

- Fuck you. [LAUGHTER]

- Oh my goodness. See? We had 60 seconds to get an obscene phone call. [LAUGHS]

- Well.

- That made my night.

- All right, no, thank you, children.

- Now I can go home and jerk off in style, kids.

- [LAUGHTER] Oh, can he say that? [LAUGHTER]

- Ain't nothing wrong with talking about masturbation.

- Oh, OK.

- Steven's in Pruitt talking about it all the time.

- Of course.

- Who said they had good taste?

[LAUGHTER]

- Oh, god, I don't know. What did he say anyway? Is that F as in Frank?

- It's something like that.

- Oh, well. We got news from the BBC coming up in about 30 seconds, so stay with us.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

- After all-- after all--

- KPFT Houston. Blues for you coming up at 4, so stay tuned.

- Now, it's time for the news.