

[MUSIC PLAYING]

- Reporting live from Kindred Spirits, this is KPFT Houston. I go on the air. Ladies and gentlemen, AfterHours and Kindred Spirits presents an official event of Lesbian-Gay Pride Week. Please bear with us for just about three minutes and we're going to start the opening of our program and once we get that on, Calvin's got some really nice music for you. So Calvin if you'll start the opening to the show, we're ready to go. You're listening to AfterHours on KPFT.

- *There's a Pride*, written and read by Joe Watts. "The cry to unite is in the air, fear, death, and dying, even despair. But hopefully determined, we will survive by keeping the flames of our faith alive. A cry to unite is in the air, singing praises of pride. The cry to unite is in the air, a time to celebrate, to love, to care.

Forever united we must stand, or divided we will surely fall. Listen to the cry, rise up, stand tall. The cry to unite is in the air, singing praises of pride.

The cry to unite is in the air, bonding of souls and hearts everywhere. Our dream to unite must come true, the courage to face the world as you. A cry to unite is in the air, singing praises of pride everywhere.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

- This is Jean-Michel Jarre and you are tuned to 90.1 FM KPFT in Houston, listener-sponsored Pacifica radio.

**MAN:** The disorders began with a routine police raid on a homosexual bar, The Stonewall on Christopher Street--

**CROWD:** (CHANTING) Say it loud. Gay and proud.

**MAN:** We take great pride in what's happening in the gay community and what's going to happen.

**WOMAN:** People of Dade County have said enough, enough, enough.

**CROWD:** (CHANTING) Human rights are here to stay. Anita Bryant go away.

**MAN:** There's no question in my mind that the people of California don't want homosexuals teachers in the classroom.

**MAN:** State Senator John Briggs has just conceded the election.

[CHEERING]

**WOMAN:** Both Mayor Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk have been shot and killed.

**MAN:** Dan White has been found guilty of one count each of voluntary manslaughter.

**CROWD:** (CHANTING) Fight now. Fight back.

**MAN:** It has now broken loose. Cops are now bashing heads.

**MAN:** And here comes the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights.

**MAN:** Gay power, gay politics, that's what this report is about.

**MAN:** There are gay and lesbian people singing out here. What's your reaction to that?

**WOMAN:** I think it's terrible. If I had a rock, I'd throw it at them.

**WOMAN:** The real message of these gay games is that every one of us is a winner.

**MAN:** Tonight we are marching, as are others across America. And we shouldn't have to be.

**LEA DELARIA:** Say it so they can you in the Capitol. For love and for life, we're not going back. For love and for life, we're not going back. For love and for life, we're not going back. For love and for life, we're not going back.

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

**LEA DELARIA AND BRUCE HOPKINS:** Good afternoon and welcome to the National March on Washington, DC for Gay and Lesbian rights and choral reciting.

[CROWD CHEERING]

**LEA DELARIA:** Let's hear it out there.

[CROWD CHEERING]

And I'm Lea Delaria.

**BRUCE HOPKINS:** I'm Bruce Hopkins.

**LEA DELARIA:** I'm a dyke.

**BRUCE HOPKINS:** I'm a faggot.

**BOTH:** And we're best friends.

[CROWD CHEERING]

**WOMAN:** I want you to savor this next moment. I have the proud task of telling you that the official count of the Lesbian and Gay Rights March, the official count is over 500,000 strong. 500,00 strong. Look at you. 500,000 strong.

[CROWD CHEERING]

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

[CROWD CHEERING]

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

[MUSIC PLAYING]

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

[CROWD CHEERING]

Difficult as it is, you must tell your immediate family. You must tell your relatives. You must tell your friends if indeed they are your friends.

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

[CROWD CHEERING]

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

[CROWD CHEERING]

[MUSIC PLAYING]

**BUDDY JOHNSTON:** Good morning and welcome to Kindred Spirits. My name is Buddy Johnston and every week I do a radio show called *After Hours*, which you're hearing this morning live from the wonderful bar. Marion Coleman, what are we doing?

**MARION COLEMAN:** Well, I'm here with all of you. That's what I'm doing, where I belong.

**BUDDY JOHNSTON:** You're making history this morning and we're so glad for you to come out. I've been queer for about 32 years, I work for the Houston Police Department as a dispatcher. And our message to you this morning is that as soon as we all realize we can come out and be strong, The Gay and Lesbian Movement is going to move, move, move.

Then next year and the 20th anniversary, it's going to be wonderful. We're honored to be here this morning with Marion Coleman and everyone here at the bar. They've been so wonderful for us. And we're beginning an official event of Lesbian-Gay Pride Week. And I want to do as the staff of our show, Marion we have an award for you, which I left back at the station.

**MARION COLEMAN:** OK.

**BUDDY JOHNSTON:** Doesn't that sound right to me?

**MARION COLEMAN:** That's fine.

**BUDDY JOHNSTON:** But it just says, thank you and we're so glad that you invited us down to the bar, and we're so glad that you've always been there when the community needed you. And we are glad to be here tonight and we're glad to be a part of Lesbian-Gay Pride Week.

**MARION** We're very happy that you're happy with us. And what we've tried to do here at Kindred Spirits is to be a  
**COLEMAN:** community bar, a part of your lives because you certainly been a part of ours, and we couldn't be here without each and every one of you. So we love you, we need you, and stay strong, and love each other. Thank you.

**BUDDY** Thank you so much. Let's hear it for Miriam Coleman.

**JOHNSTON:**

[CROWD CHEERING]

- Listen, right now there are people listening to us all over the Texas area. A lot of young people with their headphones on, hidden under the bed, afraid that their mom and dad will find out how they're feeling about us this morning. They want to come out and be with us, but they can't. Someday they will.

I want to introduce the people that help us on the show every week and then we'll get out of your way. First we got to introduce this bear. When I started doing the show back in September, I was afraid the police were going to come in and drag me out of the radio station. They didn't, but as I did the show and as we do the show every week, this is Honey Jo and she goes down with us.

Also on our program is Bruce Reeves. Bruce is a male co-chair for Lesbian-Gay Pride Week this year.

**BRUCE REEVES:** Hi, Buddy.

**BUDDY** You want to say anything?

**JOHNSTON:**

**BRUCE REEVES:** Well, just everybody needs to come out of the closet and come out to Kindred tonight and have a good time with us. We got four hours of wild partying to do here, so it should be great.

**BUDDY** That's right, we're going to have a wonderful time. Also we got a lot of people that come down and do the show  
**JOHNSTON:** every week. Not only do you hear music, you also hear news done by Brian Keever, sports done by Bobby Miller, and then a community bulletin board done every week by Clay Harper. And Clay, what's going on this week? Something about a parade?

**CLAY HARPER:** What?

**BUDDY** A parade. Is there going to be a parade?

**JOHNSTON:**

**CLAY HARPER:** Next Sunday.

**BUDDY** Next Sunday, we're all going to be there. Don't let Clay sing there. Also we got volunteers from the Lesbian and  
**JOHNSTON:** Gay Switchboard every week like, Kathleen that come down and answer the phone. They counsel hundreds of young people that call the radio station every week while we're on the air.

And wonderful people like Judy Voulgaris Judy work with the NAMES project back when it came about the court in Houston. And we're glad that all these people are here. I also want to introduce someone very special, this is Bill Travis. Bill does a program in Dallas called Lambda Weekly on radio station KNON, right?

**BILL TRAVIS:** Right, every Sunday.

**BUDDY** What do you think about what's going on here?

**JOHNSTON:**

**BILL TRAVIS:** It's wild.

**BUDDY** Well Calvin's got some wonderful music for you. We're going to be talking to our audience out in front of the bar.

**JOHNSTON:** If you'd like to share your experiences with the people that are listening to us on the radio this morning, feel free to talk to Judy. That's this nice lady and she'll be holding this wonderful bear out in front.

Calvin you got some wonderful music, so if you'll start the music, we'll start dancing. And you're listening to *After Hours* on KPFT, live from Kindred Spirits for an official event of Lesbian-Gay Pride Week. And we're glad you're here.

[MUSIC - SISTER SLEDGE, "WE ARE FAMILY"]

**BUDDY** --called We are Family and we certainly are. Good morning, this is Buddy speaking to you live from Kindred

**JOHNSTON:** Spirits. 4902 Richmond Avenue, you're listening to *After Hours* on KPFT Houston 90.1 FM. And who's this

**JAY LEE:** Hi I'm Jay Lee and well, gee whiz, musical curfew. I'm terribly sorry about all this. If you still got the guts and you're listening right now, I kind of was held hostage by the *After Hours* people, and they've taken over. So I guess I won't be back for until a week from Saturday where I'm going to be at y'all, four hours of alternative music. And while you're going to have about four hours of disco and talk right now, so have a good time if you can stomach it but they're good people. It's a worthy cause so support it, tune in, otherwise just go away.

**BUDDY** Hey but now July the-- I forgot the dates Jay Lee, the 3rd and the 10th, is that right?

**JOHNSTON:**

**JAY LEE:** Gosh, I don't know what-- not this coming Saturday, but a week from next Saturday musical--

**BUDDY** You'll be on from midnight until four, right? Taking our slot.

**JOHNSTON:**

**JAY LEE:** Yeah, four hours. So we'll like we'll boot the *After Hours* people out of KPFT for a little while and well do something really weird. I twist your head off and you'll like it, yeah I'm sure.

[GRUNTING]

That is pretty scary buddy, it certainly is.

**BUDDY** Listen, this is a live broadcast from *After Hours* on KPFT in cooperation with Kindred Spirits. It's an official event of

**JOHNSTON:** Lesbian-Gay Pride Week beginning yesterday with the wonderful show from WomynSpace. We were down there live. We had a wonderful time at WomynSpace last night. Mary Helen from KPFT too was singing with HeartSong and a lot of other things were happening. There are a lot of wonderful people here this morning and they're dancing the night away. Brooke McDonald just walked up, hello.

**BROOKE** Hello, how are you doing darling?

**MCDONALD:**

**BUDDY** Do you want to sing We are kindred spirits?

**JOHNSTON:**

**BROOKE** Well I'd like to hear it and I like everybody else to hear it too.

**MCDONALD:**

**BUDDY** Well we don't have that tape, we will play it next Sunday.

**JOHNSTON:**

**BROOKE** That'd be wonderful, I'll get it to you.

**MCDONALD:**

**BUDDY** Real quick, what can you say about Pride Week and people coming up?

**JOHNSTON:**

**BROOKE** First of all, I'd like to say I think Kindred Spirits and the Gay Pride Week are synonymous with each other and that  
**MCDONALD:** we are all kindred spirits and we need to stand behind each other and support each other in every way possible.

**BUDDY** That's right, what would you say to people that are listening to us that think that they can't come out or they for  
**JOHNSTON:** some reason they just haven't come out yet?

**BROOKE** What I would say to those people is keep a great thought for themselves and for us and all the positive energy  
**MCDONALD:** that we can get going is worth it.

**BUDDY** OK, thanks for coming by. I hear you might have an album coming out soon.

**JOHNSTON:**

**BROOKE** Well I don't know about an album but I've got some songs chopped to some heavy folks and I don't want to say  
**MCDONALD:** too much right now but we'll see.

**BUDDY** Thanks for stopping by. Talking to Brooke McDonald. Brooke sings We are Kindred Spirits and you hear that about  
**JOHNSTON:** every week right here on *After Hours*. You can listen to some more music, the DJ this morning is Calvin.

We're broadcasting live from Kindred Spirits 4900 Richmond Avenue. If you know where it is, come on out and dance with us. Say hello to us, come by, and be a part of The Lesbian-Gay Pride Week 1988. I'm going to go back into the bar and listen to some more music.

Bruce Reeves is here, everybody's here from the show. We got some wonderful things. So stay with us. Bill Travis also from KNON Dallas is here. So it's going to be a wonderful show.

Stay with us and thanks for supporting KPFT and Lesbian-Gay Pride Week. And Mike I wish I was back at the station with you. Let's listen to some music at the bar then.

[MUSIC - RICK ASTLEY, "NEVER GONNA GIVE YOU UP"]

**BUDDY** You're listening to *After Hours* KPFT in Kindred Spirits. Mary Helen Merzbacher our Subscriptions Director said this  
**JOHNSTON:** morning we're having a contest.

**MARY HELEN** That's right. We're going to be giving away some t-shirts and some KPFT six-pack coolers. You could take your  
**MERZBACHER:** favorite beverage anywhere you want in a six-pack cooler from KPFT, some really nice t-shirts. You can get the entry forms on the little kiosks around the bar here that you're sitting on.

**BUDDY** So how do you enter this contest?  
**JOHNSTON:**

**MARY HELEN** Well you fill out one of the forms and we'll be collecting them up near the stage area, the opposite in from the  
**MERZBACHER:** control booth here.

**BUDDY** So Merz has got some t-shirts and some KPFT coolers and some Lesbian-Gay Pride Week posters and everybody  
**JOHNSTON:** that enters the contest would probably get a poster.

**MARY HELEN** You bet.  
**MERZBACHER:**

**BUDDY** OK, sign up right now. You're listening to *After Hours* on KPFT Houston 90.1 FM live from Kindred Spirits. This is  
**JOHNSTON:** the official event of the Lesbian-Gay Pride Week and we're glad you're here.

Buddy to KPFT, Buddy to KPFT. Hello Mike, are you there?

**MIKE:** Oh I'm here, Buddy.

**BUDDY** What's going on?  
**JOHNSTON:**

**MIKE:** Oh, is that the other thing?

**BUDDY** Is that the other thing?  
**JOHNSTON:**

**MIKE:** Yeah, actually we sitting here having a wonderful time.

**BUDDY** Are you really?  
**JOHNSTON:**

**MIKE:** Yeah.

**BUDDY** Are the phones ringing?  
**JOHNSTON:**

**MIKE:** Not yet, but that's because we haven't told anybody to call yet, Buddy. And they need to call us here at 526-4000

**BUDDY** Yeah, if you want to talk to us even though, we're live from Kindred Spirits, you can give us a call at 526-4000.  
**JOHNSTON:** Jim and who's there with you, I forgot. Scott.

**MIKE:** Jim, Scott--

**BUDDY** Scott is there.  
**JOHNSTON:**

**MIKE:** And Michael's here, too.

**BUDDY** And Mike's there and I want to introduce someone very special right now, Mr Bill Travis.

**JOHNSTON:**

**BILL TRAVIS:** Good evening.

**BUDDY** How are you sir?

**JOHNSTON:**

**BILL TRAVIS:** Doing fine.

**BUDDY** What are you doing in Houston?

**JOHNSTON:**

**BILL TRAVIS:** Just here for the State Democratic Convention that was held in Houston this weekend.

**BUDDY** And Bill there is a program in KNON in Dallas, right?

**JOHNSTON:**

**BILL TRAVIS:** In Dallas. Yes KNON.

(SAYING IN PITCHED VOICE) It's all right, you can all come out.

[LAUGHTER]

**BUDDY** Bill does a program in Dallas every Sunday from--

**JOHNSTON:**

**BILL TRAVIS:** 1 o'clock till 2 o'clock.

**MIKE:** You're going to be ready for that one tomorrow.

[LAUGHTER]

**BUDDY** It's called Lambda Weekly--

**JOHNSTON:**

**BILL TRAVIS:** Lambda Weekly, it's on every Sunday 1:00 o'clock followed by Varied Voices.

**BUDDY** Who's going to be doing Lambda Weekly tomorrow?

**JOHNSTON:**

**BILL TRAVIS:** We've got a crew of eight people to do the show.

**BUDDY** OK, and who's doing the show while you're here in Houston.

**JOHNSTON:**

**BILL TRAVIS:** Well we've got a crew of eight people and they gave me the day off to go to the convention.

[STATIC SOUND]



**BUDDY** Whatever that is Dan, it's not coming in. Mike, can you hear that at the station?

**JOHNSTON:**

**MIKE:** Yeah, we got it here too. We're not sure what it is, Buddy.

[BACKGROUND VOICES]

**BUDDY** My engineer this morning is Dan, and Dan's been gracious enough to come out and volunteer his time for us. He  
**JOHNSTON:** said it's some bleed over from another radio station. So--

[STATIC SOUND]

How bad does that sound? It sounds pretty bad here.

**MIKE:** You're breaking up.

**BUDDY** Really?

**JOHNSTON:**

**MIKE:** Yeah.

**BUDDY** OK. We're going to shut up for a minute, Dan, and see if this clears up. So we're going to go back into the bar and  
**JOHNSTON:** listen to some music. Michael work on it on this end. You're listening to *After Hours* on KPFT in Houston 90.1. It sounds like it's gone now. Wait a minute, Dan.

**BILL TRAVIS:** We don't know if it's gone completely.

**BUDDY** This is live radio, Bill.

**JOHNSTON:**

**BILL TRAVIS:** Ain't that the truth?

**BUDDY** Live and in investments, no way.

**JOHNSTON:**

**BILL TRAVIS:** Couldn't have a better place to have it, though. Right here in Houston, though.

**BUDDY** What do you think about all this?

**JOHNSTON:**

**BILL TRAVIS:** It's pretty exciting.

**BUDDY** And you were talking about you're over here for the Democratic Convention, right?

**JOHNSTON:**

**BILL TRAVIS:** Right.

**BUDDY** And what's this button you've brought me to wear?

**JOHNSTON:**

**BILL TRAVIS:** That's a band 2106 button.

**BUDDY** So the Gay and Lesbian contingent at the convention we're all active this weekend?  
**JOHNSTON:**

**BILL TRAVIS:** We came out really good on the platform and resolutions. They treated us real nice, folks.

**BUDDY** Bill's going to be joining us this morning and we're going to be talking about his program in Dallas, right?  
**JOHNSTON:**

**BILL TRAVIS:** Right, Dallas.

**BUDDY** Here in *Atlanta Weekly* every week. Right now Billy Ocean is getting ready to sing for you. I like to say get out of  
**JOHNSTON:** that closet, but he's going to say get out of that car. So get out of that closet, come down and be a part of Lesbian-Gay Pride Week, an official event broadcast to you live from KPFT Houston 90.1 FM. And Kindred Spirits we're putting out our riches. So come by and say hello. Dan let's listen to this song, this song is good.

[MUSIC - BILLY OCEAN, "GET OUTTA MY DREAMS, GET INTO MY CAR"]

**BUDDY** Yeah, let's get out of the closet. Just like that I can hear you loud and clear.  
**JOHNSTON:**

**MARION COLEMAN:** Oh, wow.

**BUDDY** Good morning once again.  
**JOHNSTON:**

**MARION COLEMAN:** Yeah, really. You doing all right?

**BUDDY** I'm talking to Marion Coleman. I'm tired.  
**JOHNSTON:**

**MARION COLEMAN:** I bet you are tired. I know what it's just like.

**BUDDY** I'm getting ready for a great week though. We went down to WomynSpace last night.  
**JOHNSTON:**

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

--it was a wonderful show.

**MARION COLEMAN:** We do have a lot of talent and it's really nice to see it displayed that was-- especially part of Gay Pride Week.

**BUDDY** You're listening to Marion Coleman, owner of Kindred spirits. And then we want to say thanks for letting us come  
**JOHNSTON:** down this morning and be a part of the Pride Week celebration right now. What do you say to people that are listening out there that are afraid to come out and experience what we're experiencing this morning? How would you say--

**MARION** You really think they're afraid?

**COLEMAN:**

**BUDDY** I don't know if they're afraid or maybe they just need to take that big step.

**JOHNSTON:**

**MARION** I think what we need to do as a community is to be positive and I think that we need to celebrate life. And I think  
**COLEMAN:** that we need to share our experiences with people so that they don't have that fear. And I think that how we do that is to get the word out.

How we do that, I don't know, it has stumbled me all these years, being able to network with people. I don't know how to do it, I've tried to do with the community spirit through Kindred Spirits and it's a difficult problem. I don't know how to reach those people.

**BUDDY** We noticed that last night down at Autry House, there were 300 or 400 people there in the city of hundreds of  
**JOHNSTON:** thousands of us. And the community, it seems like they don't want to support much of anything.

And I don't-- I think that's real sad because I know every time we turn around, Marion Coleman and Kindred Spirits that you could go down and name the list of people that are helping us in trying to get something done. But it seems like there are so many people in the community don't want to come out and support us. And that's people that are already out, right? Do you know what I mean?

**MARION** I think that what we need to do as a community is to be absolutely positive and very professional about how we  
**COLEMAN:** do things and how we say things. I don't think we've been as effective as we can be doing these things. And I think that we need to do more of that and we absolutely have to be positive. And I don't think we're creating that kind of image.

And I think that we're our own worst enemies, we shoot ourselves in the foot every time we turn around, and we're very negative in some areas that I don't think we need to be. And I think that if we go out there and there's a lot of sadness within our community these days, and I understand that too. But we've got to learn to celebrate life, celebrate being with each other, sharing with each other and being positive.

And I don't think we do that job as effectively as we can do it. And that's why I've hung onto Kindred Spirits for as long as I have because I want it to be a community bar. I want to pull it together where were gay, straight, or indifferent, I don't care, but we need to get together. And that's the bottom line.

And the only way I can see doing that is what we do every day of our lives like you Buddy, like many of us in this community, and that's to be positive. And so that's what I've really tried to do and we'll always continue to do. And I don't want to be negative anymore, I could be negative I guess all day long, but I don't think that accomplishes anything. It never will. So what I'd like to say is join us and be part of our lives so that we can be part of yours and we will never be successful until we do that.

**BUDDY** Right, and we said it before, once we stop pushing against each other and start pushing forward, the movement  
**JOHNSTON:** will move again.

**MARION** Absolutely, I totally agree with that. And I do-- I live that every day of my life. Some-- one day one person told  
**COLEMAN:** me, Oh, Marion I can't believe number one, you don't like the word lesbian, which I do not.

And then I have another person say to me, well, I don't even think you know what the word feminism means. And I said, if I didn't know there were Ten Commandments for the word feminism. But let me share this with you, why don't you follow some of us around for a week or two or 10 days, and then maybe you'll find out what all that means.

**BUDDY** No, that's a show we need to do together sometime.

**JOHNSTON:**

**MARION** I love to.

**COLEMAN:**

**BUDDY** Because I got into a problem with this before when we first started this, I wanted to say Gay, Gay Community.

**JOHNSTON:**

**MARION** I believe in the Gay Community, and I think we should be gay. And when someone calls me a lesbian, that separates me from my men friends, and I don't like it at all. And I think it's discrimination in its truest forms.

**COLEMAN:**

**BUDDY** I agree with you. That's a show we need to do some time--

**JOHNSTON:**

**MARION** I'll be more than happy to do that.

**COLEMAN:**

**BUDDY** --because I even said one time, OK, we won't say gay and we won't lesbian, we said homosexual. And I have people calling me--

**JOHNSTON:**

**MARION** I don't even want to say homosexual. I don't want-- they don't say heterosexual.

**COLEMAN:**

**BUDDY** Exactly.

**JOHNSTON:**

**MARION** No, I think that is something I don't agree with either. I think we're gay. I'm just a woman number one, and then I'm Marion Coleman. I'm Marion Coleman, I'm a woman and I'm gay.

**COLEMAN:**

I don't like the word dyke. I don't like the word faggot. I don't like the word queen. And why do we do that to ourselves? Does the straight community call themselves names, or fuffettes or whatever or-- do they call themselves names?

Why do we have to do that? That's not positive and that's not professionalism, as far as I see it. You've never seen me in this community ever carrying a flag. I'm a dyke, yeah, or I'm this or that. I'm just me, Marion and I'm a woman, and I'm gay. and I'm proud to be all those things.

**BUDDY** Right, I just want to say thank you so much and I wish everyone could get that message. Just be yourself.

**JOHNSTON:**

**MARION** That's exactly right. Why do we have--

**COLEMAN:**

**BUDDY** Quit trying to be something special. Don't be gay, don't be anything, just be yourself.

**JOHNSTON:**

**MARION** I would love to come on the air with you and me and share that with you.

**COLEMAN:**

**BUDDY** Absolutely, let's do that some time.

**JOHNSTON:**

**MARION** You got it.

**COLEMAN:**

**BUDDY** Thank you so much.

**JOHNSTON:**

**MARION** Thank you and bless you all.

**COLEMAN:**

**BUDDY** --here this morning.

**JOHNSTON:**

**MARION** And happy Gay Pride Week.

**COLEMAN:**

**BUDDY** Thank you. We're talking to Marion Coleman, owner of Kindred Spirits. And Marion feels the same way that a lot

**JOHNSTON:** of us do in the community. Some things that divide us shouldn't be there, but unfortunately those are parts of our lives. And there are things that we're all having to deal with. We want to know what you have to think if you're listening to us, the number's 526-4000, give us a call. And hello there.

**KEVIN:** Hi, how are you?

**BUDDY** What's your name?

**JOHNSTON:**

**KEVIN:** Hi, my name is Kevin.

**BUDDY** Kevin, what are you doing?

**JOHNSTON:**

**KEVIN:** I'm just having a really good time here.

**BUDDY** You want to get on the radio?

**JOHNSTON:**

**KEVIN:** Pardon me?

**BUDDY** Do you want to get on the radio? It's too late, you're on.

**JOHNSTON:**

**KEVIN:** Am I on now?

**BUDDY** Yeah.

**JOHNSTON:**

**KEVIN:** Oh wonderful. OK. Well I'm from out of town, I'm from San Francisco. And I'm down here to celebrate Pride Week with my family. I got two young boys, 16 and 20. And I'm going to take them to the Father's Day picnic tomorrow at Cherry Hurst, which I'm really looking forward to.

**BUDDY** I have some bad news for you, that was today.

**JOHNSTON:**

**KEVIN:** Was it today?

**BUDDY** It was today.

**JOHNSTON:**

**KEVIN:** That was-- I thought it was tomorrow.

**BUDDY** No, it was today.

**JOHNSTON:**

**KEVIN:** Oh, I thought it was Sunday.

**BUDDY** But Lloyd with Gay Fathers just came in, I just saw him.

**JOHNSTON:**

**KEVIN:** We'll just have to take them somewhere else, but no. I'm going to take them to the parade, and then I'm going back home. And I'm really going to miss them. I mean, I don't get to see him that often so--

**BUDDY** So you have two children?

**JOHNSTON:**

**KEVIN:** I have two children, yes.

**BUDDY** What would you say to other gay people that have children this morning?

**JOHNSTON:**

**KEVIN:** Be honest, be open, and most of all, be kind.

**BUDDY** Kevin what would you say to those people that are listening to us this morning that might be for some reason they're afraid to come out and take part in the parade next Sunday.

**JOHNSTON:**

**KEVIN:** Well, I don't want to go so far as to say counseling, but just be open. It's a long, hard road, I went through it. And it's a long, hard road.

**BUDDY** Listen, thanks for coming by and talking to us.

**JOHNSTON:**

**KEVIN:** Sure appreciate it, thank you.

**BUDDY** Bruce is sitting over there smiling with his headphones on. I could hear him yelling dyke and faggot in the  
**JOHNSTON:** background.

**GUEST:** When you say dyke and faggot, never.  
  
[LAUGHS]

**BUDDY** That got you in trouble once before on KPFT.  
**JOHNSTON:**

**GUEST:** Well, lots of things get me into trouble but I usually get over it.

**BUDDY** Oh, really? Bill do they say dyke and faggot in Dallas?  
**JOHNSTON:**

**BILL TRAVIS:** Occasionally.

**BUDDY** Is there such a big controversy in Dallas with the word dyke and faggot and lesbian and gay and yada, and yada,  
**JOHNSTON:** and yada, and yada-- as here in Houston? Because I agree with Marion Coleman, who when we first started doing this show, I just wanted to say Gay Community and that got us into a lot of trouble. And then I said homosexual and that got us into a lot of trouble. So now we say gay men and gay women and lesbians and transvestites and transsexuals and so on and so forth.

**BILL TRAVIS:** Well in Dallas you've got to remember we're on another planet.

**BUDDY** That's for sure.  
**JOHNSTON:**  
  
[LAUGHS]

**BILL TRAVIS:** Dallas is a lot more conservative. They don't like any of those D words and F words. We've got to keep it nice and calm. We're just starting to use the word gay on a regular basis.  
  
It's getting better and we're trying to make it a lot better, make it more open. So we've got to get out to the people. We've got to organize, we've got to be together, work together, and just keep pushing.

**BUDDY** I'm shaking my head because we have to think of something to do for the next four hours.  
**JOHNSTON:**  
  
[LAUGHTER]

**MIKE:** Let's start with this Buddy, we just got a call from Austin--

**BILL TRAVIS:** Actually we only have three hours and 10 minutes left.

**BUDDY** I'm sorry Mike, what did you say?  
**JOHNSTON:**

**MIKE:** I said we just got a call from Austin, Buddy and they're getting us loud and clear.

**BUDDY** Mike said they just got a call from Austin and they're listening to us loud and clear.

**JOHNSTON:**

**BILL TRAVIS:** All right.

**BUDDY** Well good morning, Austin. Come down to Houston next Sunday for the Pride Week Parade, right?

**JOHNSTON:**

**GUEST:** That's right. Next Sunday--

**BUDDY** You could say Pride Week Parade.

**JOHNSTON:**

**GUEST:** Pride Week parade, yes. But if I could, could I just indulge you for a few minutes about this lesbian thing?

**BUDDY** Sure go ahead. 'Cause you know how I feel about it.

**JOHNSTON:**

**GUEST:** I know how you feel about it.

**BUDDY** Indulge me.

**JOHNSTON:**

**GUEST:** Pride Week is Lesbian-Gay Pride Week. And unfortunately or maybe fortunately I don't know, there are women in our community that don't feel that they are gay women, they are lesbians. And they say they feel that way because they have been excluded all their lives. And most people when they say the word gay picture two men together. And that's an unfortunate situation but it's one that's very real. And so therefore there are lesbians in our community, and there are gay women in our community, and there are gay men in their community.

**BUDDY** But there are a lot of women that when you say lesbian, they feel left out, too.

**JOHNSTON:**

**GUEST:** Well, that's why I like to say lesbian and gay people.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

**BUDDY** Because they want to be called-- They want to be called gay women, not lesbians. Hi, who are you?

**JOHNSTON:**

**KRISTEN:** --lesbians and that's what we are.

**BUDDY** What?

**JOHNSTON:**

[LAUGHTER]

What'd you say?

**KRISTEN:** I said we're hot lesbians, that's what we are.

**DIANE:** Yeah, we're good people.



**BUDDY** Lesbians are good people. What's your name?  
**JOHNSTON:**

**KRISTEN:** --and join the music, having a good time.

**BUDDY** What's your name?  
**JOHNSTON:**

**KRISTEN:** Kristen.

**BUDDY** Kristen and who are you?  
**JOHNSTON:**

**DIANE:** Diane.

**BUDDY** Are you going to the parade next Sunday?  
**JOHNSTON:**

**KRISTEN:** Oh, yeah. You bet.

**DIANE:** You bet. I haven't missed it in-- what eight, nine years? Eight years? Nine years? Right?

**BUDDY** What would you say--  
**JOHNSTON:**

**DIANE:** I don't know her so--

**KIRSTEN:** Come on. Come on.

**BUDDY** What would you say to the folks that are out listening to us this morning that haven't come out and be part of  
**JOHNSTON:** anything that's happening this week? Invite them out or--

**DIANE:** Oh, yeah.

**KRISTEN:** Sure, come on down. It's great time.

**DIANE:** It's customary as it happens every year.

**KRISTEN:** The street party in town, Bud.

[LAUGHTER]

**DIANE:** --together and everybody's happy and guys--

**KRISTEN:** --come on down and join the parade.

**BUDDY** And this one's real cute too. Well you both girls are cute, but I mean look at these eyes.  
**JOHNSTON:**

**DIANE:** I know.

**BUDDY** It's too bad and she's-- what are you, unbuttoning her?

**JOHNSTON:**

**GUEST:** Oh, I thought you were going to take something off.

**BILL TRAVIS:** Yes, right.

[LAUGHTER]

**DIANE:** OK, well we just want to say Happy Father's Day to all the fathers out there. And happy Gay Parade Day next week.

**BUDDY** OK thanks. You're listening to *After Hours* on KPFT Houston 90.1 FM. Anything coming on in the deck at the  
**JOHNSTON:** station, Mike? Or can we listen to some music?

**MIKE:** Listen to some music--

**BUDDY** Debbie. Let's talk to Debbie first. Hello.

**JOHNSTON:**

**DEBBIE:** Hi, how are you?

**BUDDY** What's your name?

**JOHNSTON:**

**DEBBIE:** I'm Debbie, I'm the manager of Kindred Spirits.

**BUDDY** Did you know there's a radio station out in front of your bar this morning?

**JOHNSTON:**

**DEBBIE:** Yes I do and I love it.

[LAUGHTER]

You guys are wonderful. Happy to have you here.

**BUDDY** --sounds great.

**JOHNSTON:**

**DEBBIE:** Well, thank you.

**BUDDY** We're having a wonderful time. I want to thank you once again. The boss just left so we're going to crank the  
**JOHNSTON:** music up.

**DEBBIE:** Oh that's fine, that's fine. She loves it cranked up anyway. She likes to have a good time. You know Marion.

[LAUGHTER]

**BUDDY** She certainly does. Thanks Debbie, we'll be talking to you later on.

**JOHNSTON:**

**DEBBIE:** Thank you.

**BUDDY** It's a few minutes before 1 o'clock and we've got-- how many more hours?

**JOHNSTON:**

**BILL TRAVIS:** Three hours and 6 minutes.

**BUDDY** Come on, buddy.

**JOHNSTON:**

**BILL TRAVIS:** It's going to be a long morning--

**BUDDY** We've got to find dance and Diet Coke and we got to find something to eat. I just saw my baby come back in. He  
**JOHNSTON:** went home and took a shower. Honey Jo Bear is sitting over here in a chair, lounging.

**MIKE:** Reading a Pride guide.

**BUDDY** Yeah, reading a Pride Week guide.

**JOHNSTON:**

[LAUGHTER]

526-4000 give us a call. If you want to get on the air, believe it or not, you can get on the air and talk to us, right here live. Because it's radio, right?

**BILL TRAVIS:** Live from Montrose.

**BUDDY** Well, we're not exactly in Montrose.

**JOHNSTON:**

**BILL TRAVIS:** I'm from out of town, you have to forgive me.

**MIKE:** Besides that Buddy I am--

**BUDDY** Mike said he's in Montrose, Bill Travis is--

**JOHNSTON:**

**BILL TRAVIS:** I was half right.

**BUDDY** He's almost right. And we say a lot of times, radio from the heart of Montrose. Montrose doesn't necessarily  
**JOHNSTON:** mean a location, is that right, Bruce?

**BRUCE:** No, Montrose is a state of mind. It's a state of physical and emotional and mental being. It's a way of life.

[LAUGHTER]

**BUDDY** Thank you.

**JOHNSTON:**

**BILL TRAVIS:** Montrose is a way of life.

**BUDDY** It certainly is. Do they have Montrose in Dallas?

**JOHNSTON:**

**BILL TRAVIS:** No, we have beautiful Oak Lawn.

**BUDDY** I've been there before believe it or not.

**JOHNSTON:**

**BILL TRAVIS:** I'm sure.

[LAUGHTER]

**BUDDY** Listen, before we get into trouble with the FCC, we're going to go try to find something to drink and dance a

**JOHNSTON:** couple of dances and we'll be back in a little bit. Mike can you get a word from one of our fabulous sponsors that we can hear before we go back into the bar?

**SPONSOR AD:** Do you know me? I've appeared in hundreds of one of the cartoons with that screwy rabbit who always does drag. Yet whenever I travel, homophobic troublemakers are always telling me that there's no rooms in the hotels, no available seats in the restaurant, and no cars to rent. It gets down quite frustrating.

At first I wanted to cry. What's my sexual orientation got to do with my being a good customer? Then I got a Gay American Express card. Now I use it everywhere, from quapes and friends, to tropical fruits in Honolulu, to picking up tricks in Australia. My Gay American Express card does it all.

Get American Express. Don't be Homo without it.

[LAUGHS]

**BUDDY** So I certainly hope you brought yours Bruce.

**JOHNSTON:**

**BRUCE:** I was go everywhere with my Gay American Express Card, because I'm thirsty. Do you think I'll take it in there?

**GUEST:** Well one never knows.

**BRUCE:** Let's go dance and see if we can find something to drink.

**BUDDY** You're listening to *After Hours* radio celebrating live from the heart of Montrose on KPFT Houston 90.1 FM. And  
**JOHNSTON:** we're glad you're there

[MUSIC PLAYING]

**WOMAN:** It's all right, you may all come out.