

[MUSIC - ORCHESTRAL MANOEUVRES IN THE DARK, "DREAMING"]

**BUDDY** Good morning again. Welcome to Kindred Spirits live on KPFT 90.1 FM. Calvin, everything you're playing's going  
**JOHNSTON:** over the radio this morning.

**CALVIN:** I feel great.

**BUDDY** Do you think it sounds good? Hello? They can't hear you if you don't talk. Do you think it sounds good?  
**JOHNSTON:**

**CALVIN:** It sounds fantastic.

**BUDDY** Great. We're having a great time this is KPFT's After Hours broadcasting live from Kindred Spirits, 4900 Richmond  
**JOHNSTON:** Avenue. It's Lesbian, Gay Pride Week, and it's wonderful.

Don't forget the KPFT drawing. Mary Ellen's here. We're going to give away some KPFT coolers and some Pride Week posters as a t-shirt. Sign up. The forms are on the front. And if you'd like to talk on the radio and say hello to your friends and all those listening, come out front and see Judy with the Bear. We're out front right now, and you're listening to us, so come out and say hi. Dance the night away. Calvin, crank that music up. Let's go.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

Broadcasting live from Kindred Spirits, this is After Hours Radio celebrating live from Heart of Montrose. It's about seven minutes. Is that right? Seven minutes?

**BILL TRAVIS:** That's close enough.

**BUDDY** What's Dallas time say?  
**JOHNSTON:**

**BILL TRAVIS:** Seven minutes.

**BUDDY** Bill's got his Dallas watch on, and I got my Houston watch on. Bill Travis from KNON's Lambda Weekly.  
**JOHNSTON:**

**BILL TRAVIS:** Lambda Weekly, every Sunday.

**BUDDY** Who's this nice looking-lady?  
**JOHNSTON:**

**BILL TRAVIS:** We have a special guest with us, a Dallas person--

**BUDDY** Yay.  
**JOHNSTON:**

**BILL TRAVIS:** --heard us on the radio and came by. This is Carol Gallant. Say hello, Carol.

**CAROL** Hello.  
**GALLANT:**

**BUDDY** Say hello, Carol.  
**JOHNSTON:**

**CAROL** Hi, Bill. How are you?  
**GALLANT:**

**BUDDY** You can do better than that, right?  
**JOHNSTON:**

**MARY ELLEN:** Yeah, I want to say hello to some really special friends of mine this evening that are celebrating the second anniversary of the Houston Women's Community Chorus HeartSong. And they're partying out there. And we're partying here at Kindred Spirits at 610 and Richmond, so you can come by if you weren't invited to the second anniversary HeartSong Houston Women's Chorus. And I want to say hi, a special congratulations to all the Heart Singers that are celebrating tonight.

**BUDDY** I heard you sing last night for the first time at Women's Space.  
**JOHNSTON:**

**MARY ELLEN:** Yeah, HeartSong sang last night at the kick-off event for Lesbian and Gay Pride Week. And we want to wish everybody a wonderful week, and thanks for supporting Lesbian and Gay Pride Week. And be proud, proud to be.

**BUDDY** It was wonderful. Mary Ellen, you're our subscriptions director at KPFT, right?  
**JOHNSTON:**

**MARY ELLEN:** Something like that, yeah.

**BUDDY** So if anybody is listening to us via the radio, and I know you are, you can get a free program guide [INAUDIBLE].  
**JOHNSTON:**

**MARY ELLEN:** Right. If you didn't know that KPFT is the only radio station in Houston that does programming specifically for the lesbian and gay community and you'd like to learn more about it, give us a call. 526-4000. We'll be glad to send you a program guide personally to you at your house in a plain brown or white wrapper. Nobody will know.

**BILL TRAVIS:** That includes the folks in Austin, also.

**MARY ELLEN:** They can hear us pretty good in Austin this time of night, north, southeast, or west, anywhere in the KPFT signal area. A free program guide can be yours by calling 526-4000. Leave your name and address.

**BILL TRAVIS:** [INAUDIBLE]

**MARY ELLEN:** We'll send one out to you. And we're here at Kindred Spirits live.

**BUDDY** That's great, isn't it?  
**JOHNSTON:**

**MARY ELLEN:** We're up on Richmond and 610, and come join us if you're cruising around with nothing to do and want to celebrate Lesbian and Gay Pride Week with a bunch of good-time folks.

**BUDDY** And you're having a contest?

**JOHNSTON:**

**MARY ELLEN:** Yeah, we're doing a contest. We're giving away some T-shirts and some KPFT six-pack coolers. So we'll be doing-- we'll be holding that drawing in about 20 minutes or so.

**BUDDY** OK. Are we eligible to win the coolers? Because they're nice.

**JOHNSTON:**

**MARY ELLEN:** Not you. You're an employee.

**BUDDY** I want to talk to you about my paperwork.

**JOHNSTON:**

**MARY ELLEN:** Neither you nor your lover are eligible.

**BUDDY** OK. OK, thank you, baby. So talk to our Dallas friend.

**JOHNSTON:**

**BILL TRAVIS:** Carol, what brings you to Houston?

**CAROL** Well, the Texas Democratic Convention.

**GALLANT:**

**BILL TRAVIS:** How was it?

**CAROL** It was wonderful. I had a great time.

**GALLANT:**

**BILL TRAVIS:** What was your impression of the gay and lesbian issues? Do you think we were treated fairly?

**CAROL** I think we were treated real fairly. We had a lot of support across the board from all different caucuses, Black, Mexican-American, regular Anglos. Democrats-- we're all in it together, and we got to have a Democratic president this year.

**MAN:** Yeah!

**WOMAN:** We'll vote for any donkey.

**CAROL** We'll vote for any donkey.

**GALLANT:**

[LAUGHTER]

**BUDDY** Carol, what do you think about--

**JOHNSTON:**

**CAROL** This year. It's going to be a thoroughbred.

**GALLANT:**

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

**JOHNSTON:**

**CAROL** Oh, well it sounds like a lot of fun. I want to get in there and find out--

**GALLANT:**

**BUDDY** You know, this is--

**JOHNSTON:**

**CAROL** --what's going on.

**GALLANT:**

**BUDDY** This is history. I talked to Lucia Chappelle.

**JOHNSTON:**

**CAROL** I'm sorry?

**GALLANT:**

**BUDDY** Lucia-- this is history this morning. I talked to Lucia [INAUDIBLE]-- Lucia-- I can't even say Lucia Chappelle

**JOHNSTON:** Somebody say Lucia Chappelle.

**BILL TRAVIS:** Lucia "Sipel."

**BUDDY** Thank you. I talked to Lucia. She's with KPFK in Los Angeles. And this is the first time we've ever broadcast

**JOHNSTON:** anything like this live from a women's bar.

**CAROL** Yeah, I was listening to the radio on the way over here. It sounds wonderful.

**GALLANT:**

**BUDDY** Really? Well, get in there and dance the night away. And thanks for coming by.

**JOHNSTON:**

**CAROL** Can't wait till we start doing this Dallas some more.

**GALLANT:**

**BUDDY** Talk to your KNON man. You send them right here.

**JOHNSTON:**

**BILL TRAVIS:** We're working on it.

**CAROL** [LAUGHS]

**GALLANT:**

**BUDDY** Anyway, I want to introduce somebody very special to me. And did you hear this guy came by a few minutes ago

**JOHNSTON:** that said he was here from Austin, and he brought his children, and he is going to take them to the father's picnic tomorrow?

**LLOYD:** Well, I didn't hear him, but he did come inside and say hello to me. And unfortunately, the bad news is that the picnic was today, not tomorrow.

**BUDDY** I told him that it was today, and he was a little upset. He said he could find some place to take them, though.

**JOHNSTON:** Someplace else to take them.

**LLOYD:** Sure, sure.

**BUDDY** We're talking to Lloyd, right?

**JOHNSTON:**

**LLOYD:** Right.

**BUDDY** With Gay Fathers?

**JOHNSTON:**

**LLOYD:** Gay Fathers of Houston.

**BUDDY** Can you tell us what happened at your dinner table back several months ago?

**JOHNSTON:**

**LLOYD:** [LAUGHS] Are you referring to tonight?

**BUDDY** Yeah.

**JOHNSTON:**

**LLOYD:** This morning?

**BUDDY** Yeah.

**JOHNSTON:**

**LLOYD:** Oh, well, Buddy and Roger were over having dinner with Robert and I, and we were discussing what the After Hours radio program might do in conjunction with Houston's 1988 Lesbian and Gay Pride Week. And suddenly, an idea was born. After Hours is what is-- when you dance after the bar is closed, it's referred to "after hours." And since the program is called After Hours, why not have an after-hours dance? And that's what we're doing. I'm having a great time.

**BUDDY** And it's real, right?

**JOHNSTON:**

**LLOYD:** It's real.

**BUDDY** And it's happening.

**JOHNSTON:**

**LLOYD:** It's happening.

**BUDDY** And we'll be here till 4:00.

**JOHNSTON:**

**LLOYD:** We'll be here till 4:00. And it is really happening in there. Let me tell you. There's some people dancing around, having a good time.

**BUDDY** Well, you want to go dance?  
**JOHNSTON:**

**LLOYD:** I want to go dance.

**BUDDY** OK. We'll go dance. Bill? Anything to say?  
**JOHNSTON:**

**BILL TRAVIS:** I'm ready to go dance.

**BUDDY** Somebody is honking. I think they can hear us on the radio.  
**JOHNSTON:**

**BILL TRAVIS:** Well, I'm sure they're driving around near-- what is this, West Loop and Richmond?

**BUDDY** Yeah.  
**JOHNSTON:**

**BILL TRAVIS:** If you're driving around, come by and see us. Say hi.

**BUDDY** We're at 4900 Richmond at Kindred Spirits. This is After Hours radio celebrating live from the heart of Montrose  
**JOHNSTON:** with the second of many to come official events of Pride Week this year. And Bruce, it's going to be great, isn't it?

**BRUCE:** It's going to be wonderful.

**BUDDY** How many--  
**JOHNSTON:**

**BRUCE:** I thought there was a picnic this afternoon, wasn't there?

**BUDDY** There was a picnic this afternoon.  
**JOHNSTON:**

**BRUCE:** So this makes three official events.

**BUDDY** I went down-- oh, that's right, the third event, the second day. I went down to [? Trader's ?] Park and had a hot  
**JOHNSTON:** dog and lemonade this afternoon. It was very festive. It was nice to see all those dads and their kids down there. They got some cute-looking daddies in that group.

**BRUCE:** I bet they do. I wish I could have been there, but I was stuck in the George R Brown at the Democratic convention myself.

**BUDDY** Yeah?  
**JOHNSTON:**

**BILL TRAVIS:** Wasn't hairy chest [INAUDIBLE].

**BUDDY** OK. Well, let's go dance, and I got to find Roger because he went to get me something to drink, and I'm real  
**JOHNSTON:** thirsty. I think somebody said something? What'd you say?

**BILL TRAVIS:** I just asked if there were lots of hairy chests down at--

**BUDDY** Come here a minute.

**JOHNSTON:**

**BRUCE:** Well, there were lots of hairy chests. Beau was there.

**BUDDY** What's cooking?

**JOHNSTON:**

**KATHY:** Are we live?

**BUDDY** We're live, baby. What's your name?

**JOHNSTON:**

**KATHY:** My name is Kathy.

**BUDDY** What's your name?

**JOHNSTON:**

**BARBARA:** Hi, my name is Barbara.

**BUDDY** Barbara, what do y'all think about what's going on tonight? Just the dance and Pride Week? And you're getting

**JOHNSTON:** ready for the parade?

**BARBARA:** We're exhilarated about the parade and the entire week. I just want to let you know, you in the listening audience, of course.

**BUDDY** Have you ever been to the parade?

**JOHNSTON:**

**BARBARA:** Once.

**BUDDY** Have you ever marched in the parade?

**JOHNSTON:**

**BARBARA:** No, never.

**BUDDY** Have you ever marched in the parade?

**JOHNSTON:**

**KATHY:** No, I haven't.

**BUDDY** Who's your quiet friend? Is that anonymous?

**JOHNSTON:**

**KATHY:** That's Miss Anonymous.

**BUDDY** Miss Anonymous.

**JOHNSTON:**

**MISS** Yeah. I'd like to know, is this the first year that we have lesbian gay pride on these t-shirts?

**ANONYMOUS:**

**BUDDY** Yeah, last year it said gay and lesbian on the t-shirt.

**JOHNSTON:**

**MISS** But I'm glad we're all getting together and sort of [INAUDIBLE].

**ANONYMOUS:**

**BUDDY** Exactly. What do you think about that?

**JOHNSTON:**

**MISS** Unity through diversity.

**ANONYMOUS:**

**BUDDY** Yeah. I like that one.

**JOHNSTON:**

**MISS** I like that, too. I think we should do that again.

**ANONYMOUS:**

**BUDDY** What about next year? Next year is the 20th anniversary of Stonewall, Stonewall Riots Back at-- 10 years, 20

**JOHNSTON:** years ago, started all this. What do you think?

**KATHY:** [INAUDIBLE] is good. What is 25? Silver anniversary? Isn't that what it is? Well, 20 is very good. I think it should be marked especially.

**BARBARA:** We're silver on 25.

**BUDDY** OK. We've got 25 entries. I'm sorry?

**JOHNSTON:**

**MISS** It should just be gay pride if it's the 20th and no definition of lesbian, no gay, no nothing. It should be gay pride.

**ANONYMOUS:** We should just be-- yeah, exactly, people pride.

**BUDDY** Why do you say that?

**JOHNSTON:**

**MISS** Because I think we alienate ourselves in a group.

**ANONYMOUS:**

**BUDDY** Fighting among each other, you mean?

**JOHNSTON:**

**KATHY:** That's right.

**MISS** Yeah. Egg me on. Yes, exactly that.

**ANONYMOUS:**

**KATHY:** Not necessarily fighting, but--



**MISS** We do. We do.

**ANONYMOUS:**

**KATHY:** --less unity than what needs to be to--

**MISS** Yeah, I mean--

**ANONYMOUS:**

**KATHY:** --combine our efforts and our strengths to really--

**MISS** You're responsible for--

**ANONYMOUS:**

**KATHY:** --grow together in this project.

**BUDDY** You know, Marion Coleman was out here with us earlier, and Marion feels the same way I do. When I first started  
**JOHNSTON:** doing this show, I said "gay community," and a lot of people said, don't say that. Say "gay and lesbian community." And then a lot of women called me and said, we're not lesbians, we're gay women.

**KATHY:** That's right.

**BUDDY** And so for a long time, I said "homosexual." And then I had people calling me saying, no, don't say we're  
**JOHNSTON:** homosexuals. Say we're--

**BARBARA:** Well, "homosexual" is like a dirty word.

**KATHY:** Yeah.

**BARBARA:** But--

**MISS** Right.

**ANONYMOUS:**

**BARBARA:** --"lesbian" becomes that, but there's a lot of women that are so-- you know, I mean, you struggle for something, and you have to fight for your rights, so you want that definition. But we shouldn't-- we should be--

**KATHY:** We shouldn't separate.

**BUDDY** So what are we this morning?

**JOHNSTON:**

**KATHY:** We're people.

**BARBARA:** We're people.

**BUDDY** People.

**JOHNSTON:**

**BARBARA:** Loving--

**KATHY:** Unified.

**BARBARA:** --people. I think we should be unified people.

**KATHY:** That's right.

**BUDDY**  
**JOHNSTON:** Do you think maybe we should, like, drop "gay and lesbian" altogether and find a word that we could all be?

**BARBARA:** Exactly.

**KATHY:** Yeah, exactly.

**BARBARA:** Let's do that.

**BUDDY**  
**JOHNSTON:** Just what, "people?"

**BARBARA:** Inspire people to do that.

**BUDDY**  
**JOHNSTON:** Well, maybe next year we can call that something. I don't know.

**KATHY:** I don't know what.

**BUDDY**  
**JOHNSTON:** I'm all for that.

**KATHY:** The whole world, you know?

**BARBARA:** We're, of course, going to have our own show now here, on the show.

[LAUGHTER]

It's possible. Y'all look for us next week here, expressing our own opinions.

**BUDDY**  
**JOHNSTON:** Hey, the way things happen at KPFT, you could very well be on the air.

**BARBARA:** Let me get that voice down.

[LAUGHTER]

Y'all do a boom test on this right here.

**BUDDY**  
**JOHNSTON:** So you're having a good time this morning?

**BARBARA:** Yeah.

**BUDDY**  
**JOHNSTON:** And everybody's going to go to the parade next week?

**KATHY:** Yeah, I'm going to go.

**BARBARA:** Sure, for sure.

**BUDDY**  
**JOHNSTON:** Anything else?

**BARBARA:** We're supporting it as much as possible.

**KATHY:** That's right.

**BUDDY**  
**JOHNSTON:** OK, listen, thanks. Have a good week.

**KATHY:** Thank you.

**BUDDY**  
**JOHNSTON:** And we'll see at the parade.

**KATHY:** [INAUDIBLE]

**MAN:** Hey, buddy.

**BUDDY**  
**JOHNSTON:** Yes?

**MAN:** I've got a word for you.

**BUDDY**  
**JOHNSTON:** Yes, sir?

**MAN:** "Lesbigay."

**BUDDY**  
**JOHNSTON:** "Lesbigay."

[LAUGHTER]

Bill, can we say "lesbigay" in Dallas?

**BILL TRAVIS:** Yes, yes, yes. Let's all be gay.

**BUDDY**  
**JOHNSTON:** Let's-- no, not let's all be gay. Lesbigay.

**BILL TRAVIS:** That's close enough.

**BUDDY**  
**JOHNSTON:** Well, while we try to figure out a word, we're going to go inside and dance, so let's listen to some more music.  
Mike, anything happening at KPFT Studios that we should know about?

**MIKE:** We're going to have a contest.

**BUDDY** [SNORES] Oh, I'll wake up. Oh, by the way, Mike.

**JOHNSTON:**

**MIKE:** Yeah?

**BUDDY** Bill said to tell you that all the hairy-chested men?

**JOHNSTON:**

**MIKE:** Yeah?

**BUDDY** Were all the Secret Service agents.

**JOHNSTON:**

**MIKE:** They were?

**BILL TRAVIS:** Yes.

**MIKE:** Does that mean I have to get a Secret Service Agent, or does that mean I'll have to pry a hairy-chested man off of one?

**BILL TRAVIS:** Well, just attack one of the presidential candidates, and you can find out real fast.

**MIKE:** Want to pick one for me to attack?

**BILL TRAVIS:** Just kidding. Just kidding.

[LAUGHTER]

**MIKE:** Hello, FCC? FCC? FCC?

**BUDDY** That might have been the FCC trying to kick us out a while ago. I wanted to say things earlier, but I couldn't,

**JOHNSTON:** because I wanted to say, I'm queer as a \$3 bill, and I get down on my knees and suck on a-- let's see. It sounds like "sock" and "rock" and "dock", like you dock your car, and, um, you just can't say that word.

[LAUGHTER]

**BILL TRAVIS:** Write the FCC.

**BUDDY** Yeah, write the FCC and tell them that you don't like it that we can't say that word. The address is-- what's the

**JOHNSTON:** address, Mike? Can you see it on the wall there?

**MIKE:** Oh my goodness.

**BUDDY** Oh, they're looking for the address. We'll find the address to the FCC--

**JOHNSTON:**

**MIKE:** I'll find it. That's right.

**BUDDY** --for you.

**JOHNSTON:**

**MIKE:** We'll find it.

**BILL TRAVIS:** 1919 East 47th Street, isn't it?

**MIKE:** Keep looking.

**BUDDY** It's 1919 M--  
**JOHNSTON:**

**BILL TRAVIS:** M?

**BUDDY** Wait a minute. 1919 Northwest, is it? 1919 M?  
**JOHNSTON:**

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

**MAN:** M Street Northwest. Maybe.

**BUDDY** Well, we'll find the address for you. Anyway, we're going to listen to some more music and go on and dance,  
**JOHNSTON:** because I want to dance. You're listening to After Hours on KPFT Houston, 90.1 FM. It's about 20 minutes after 1:00. We've got quite a ways to go, so come by and see us. We're at 4900 Richmond at Kindred Spirits. Dance the night away and celebrate Lesbian and Gay Pride Week in a big way. Oh, I'm sorry. Lesbigan Pride Week. Away we go, Dan.

[MUSIC - TALK TALK, "IT'S MY LIFE"]

Hello, hello, hello. That's one of my favorite songs. It's called "It's My Life." Can hear it playing in there? You got to talk into that. This is radio.

**JERRY:** Yes, I can, and I really love that song.

**BUDDY** Well, good morning. How are you?  
**JOHNSTON:**

**JERRY:** I'm fine, thank you.

**BUDDY** This is an old friend. You don't have to tell them who you are if you don't want to.  
**JOHNSTON:**

**JERRY:** Doesn't matter.

**BUDDY** It doesn't matter?  
**JOHNSTON:**

**JERRY:** No.

**BUDDY** Well, hi, Jerry.  
**JOHNSTON:**

**JERRY:** Hi.

**BUDDY** So you're talking to-- you're talking to us on the radio.  
**JOHNSTON:**

**JERRY:** I guess I am.

**BUDDY** Yeah, you certainly are. Listen, tell me what it's like to run into old friends like we just did.  
**JOHNSTON:**

**JERRY:** It's a good feeling.

**BUDDY** It is.  
**JOHNSTON:**

**JERRY:** Mm-hmm.

**BUDDY** What would you say to people that are listening that might be not out and about? Should they come out and  
**JOHNSTON:** experience what's going--

**JERRY:** Oh, I would think so. Yeah, it's always good to get out and meet friends and then also meet-- run into old friends that you haven't seen in quite a while.

**BUDDY** And as the song says, "It's my life."  
**JOHNSTON:**

**JERRY:** Mm-hmm.

**BUDDY** So nobody's keeping you there.  
**JOHNSTON:**

**JERRY:** Oh, definitely not.

**BUDDY** But yourself.  
**JOHNSTON:**

**WOMAN:** You weren't there when-- and we were--

**BUDDY** So what?  
**JOHNSTON:**

**JERRY:** So what?

**BUDDY** You're just sitting here smiling. I'm trying to do a radio show. You don't want to be on the radio?  
**JOHNSTON:**

**JERRY:** Well, it's the first time.

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

**JERRY:** Hmm, if I can make it into town, I will. Definitely.

**BUDDY** Maybe I can come and get you.  
**JOHNSTON:**

**JERRY:** Well, come and get me--

**BUDDY** Now, wait a minute.  
**JOHNSTON:**

**JERRY:** --and I'll come.

**BUDDY** We better turn this thing off and go back inside. OK. Thank you. I'll let you go back in there--  
**JOHNSTON:**

**JERRY:** Thank you.

**BUDDY** --and dance with your friend. Bye.  
**JOHNSTON:**

**JERRY:** [SMOOCHES] Bye.

**BUDDY** OK. Where's Bill Travis?  
**JOHNSTON:**

**BILL TRAVIS:** Right here.

**BUDDY** Here he is. Bill?  
**JOHNSTON:**

**BILL TRAVIS:** Yes.

**BUDDY** What are we going to do now for two more hours?  
**JOHNSTON:**

**BILL TRAVIS:** Play some music.

**BUDDY** Two hours and 30 minutes.  
**JOHNSTON:**

**BILL TRAVIS:** And talk.

**BUDDY** And music. We're playing all kinds of music in there, and it sounds good.  
**JOHNSTON:**

**BILL TRAVIS:** Are you still there, Mike?

**MIKE:** I am definitely still here.

**BILL TRAVIS:** Are you awake?

**MIKE:** Yeah, I am. As a matter of fact, I've got the address for the FCC when you want it.

**BUDDY** Great. Let's hear it.

**JOHNSTON:**

**MIKE:** 1919 M Street Northwest.

**BILL TRAVIS:** Is that N or M?

**MIKE:** M as in Michael.

**MIKE LEONE:** Mary.

**BILL TRAVIS:** Who is that?

**MIKE:** That's Michael.

**MIKE LEONE:** The other Michael.

**BUDDY** Well, hi, Mike.

**JOHNSTON:**

**MIKE LEONE:** Hello, buddy. How are you?

**BUDDY** Just fine. How are you?

**JOHNSTON:**

**MIKE LEONE:** Oh, just great. You're sounding good over there.

**BUDDY** Great. We're having a good time. That's Mike Leone. He's going to be joining our show. You've got some great  
**JOHNSTON:** music for us that we're going to hear next Sunday, right?

**MIKE LEONE:** Next Sunday. We're all set.

**BUDDY** Yeah. What's that-- what was it called? Patty Laverne?

**JOHNSTON:**

**MIKE LEONE:** We're going to hear some comedy material made around 1940 by somebody who called himself Pat Laverne. He was a night club performer.

**BUDDY** Uh-huh.

**JOHNSTON:**

**MIKE LEONE:** I'm going to be making some phone calls to get a little more information on him.

**BUDDY** OK. It sounds good.

**JOHNSTON:**

**MIKE LEONE:** But he's funny as can be.

**BUDDY** It is funny. We're going to have to listen to it again to make sure we can play that. I don't know if we can play all  
**JOHNSTON:** that on the radio or not.

**MIKE LEONE:** We can play some of it, I'm sure.



**BILL TRAVIS:** Well, if it's from the '40s, you're probably pretty safe. Well, I don't know, though.

**MIKE LEONE:** None of it rhymes with "lock."

[LAUGHTER]

**BUDDY** Oh, Thanks. Bill, what about Lambda Weekly? I'm sure your format is a little bit different than this.

**JOHNSTON:**

**BILL TRAVIS:** Yeah, it's quite a bit different than this. We have mostly just music and-- by gay and lesbian artists, and we do news and information. We only have an hour, so we have a little-- we're a little bit more limited in what we can do. But we are followed by a very wonderful women's program called Varied Voices. They have two hours.

**BUDDY** And this is on KNON in Dallas?

**JOHNSTON:**

**BILL TRAVIS:** KNON. When we're at 89.3 in Dallas. If you're ever in North Texas on Sunday, tune us in. We're there all afternoon.

**BUDDY** Listen, what about the message, though? The message in this show is the same, I'm sure, as the one in Dallas  
**JOHNSTON:** and every other gay and lesbian program across this country.

**BILL TRAVIS:** It is the same. Come out. Be proud. Be happy. Be good. Be what you are.

**BUDDY** October the 11th is National Coming Out Day. That means that gay and lesbian people from all across this nation  
**JOHNSTON:** are going to stand up, and we're going to say, we're tired of being treated like second- and third-class citizens, which we're not.

**BILL TRAVIS:** No, we are not.

**BUDDY** If you follow the Kinsey Report, there are between 30 and 40 million of us in these United States, and it makes up  
**JOHNSTON:** a very large portion of our society. And the message we have for you this morning listening, if you're not gay and lesbian, is that we're here and we're not going to go away, like my mother thinks that we will someday, and that when the Founding Fathers of this country wrote the Constitution and they wrote those words "We the People" at the beginning of the preamble, that's exactly what they meant. And we're very much a part of that "We the People."

**BILL TRAVIS:** Yeah. if they would have wanted to exclude us, they would have put the-- "We the Straight People."

**BUDDY** Exactly.

**JOHNSTON:**

**BILL TRAVIS:** It's not there.

**BUDDY** And it's a feeling that we just can't express. I tried to. We cue it every week in the opening of our show. Mike,  
**JOHNSTON:** could you pull that Harvey Milk thing where Harvey makes the little speech? Because I'd like you to pull down the music just a minute and play that for us.

We play every week-- Harvey's talking about coming out and how important it is to come out. And we've got an honorary-- we've got grand marshals this year for the parade. Bruce Cook is going to be our male grand marshal, and then Eleanor Munger, a wonderful woman, is going to be our female grand marshal.

Bruce was very fundamental in getting the Stone Soup started back here in Houston many years ago, and Eleanor has been doing wonderful things throughout the Houston area for the past many years. And I can't think of any two people that could take this honor in being in our parade and being a part of it more than Eleanor and Bruce. But we've selected also some honorary grand person people. And Bruce, if you can tell us about Sharon? Because you got a letter from Sharon's lover, right?

**BRUCE:** Well, I didn't, myself, but Pride Week itself did. Karen Thompson sent out letters to all the Pride committees across the country asking for our help in making Sharon Kowalski an honorary grand marshal.

Sharon Kowalski is a lesbian who was in a car wreck about six years ago. She was struck by a drunk driver. When everything was all said and done, she was very disabled, was placed in a hospital, and Karen was helping to nurse her back into health.

Her father came along and decided that Karen was a very bad influence on Sharon and succeeded in going to court and winning custody, upon which time he told Karen that she could never see Sharon again and put her in a nursing home. And since she went into the nursing home, Sharon's continued to go downhill. And Karen's been fighting a long battle trying to get custody back.

**BUDDY**  
**JOHNSTON:** Bill, we were talking about that yesterday about-- you were saying something about how Lambda Weekly is always talking about wills and encouraging people to get wills.

**BILL TRAVIS:** If you don't have a will, get one. If you die and do not have a will, you do not have any say in what happens to your property. If you have a lover, everything that you have jointly, or maybe some things you have on your own-- the lover's family can come in and clean you out. The state of Texas says that if you do not-- if you die and do not leave a will, everything is disposed of by your family. You may not like what your family is going to do with all of your assets, your stereo, your furniture, your car, your bank accounts. Whatever it is, if your family has control over it, you could leave your lover with nothing. It's very important. Even if you don't have a lover, you get a will. Take care of it.

**BRUCE:** That's right.

**BUDDY**  
**JOHNSTON:** And you know, we've seen that happen so many times, where a lover has been killed. And we're not just talking about people dying of AIDS. We're talking about accidental killings where people are killed in automobile accidents, people have strokes. I mean, gay people die every day from things other than aids.

**BILL TRAVIS:** That's right.

**BUDDY**  
**JOHNSTON:** And we've seen gay men and women be standing there in the house as lovers and parents and sisters and brothers, all probably well-meaning people-- I mean, these are probably good people. But they're coming in and carrying everything out. And the lover's left in an empty house.

**BILL TRAVIS:** That's right. And it's sad. It's happening all the time. And if you need to make a will-- if you don't have a will, you don't have an attorney, you can call the-- I'm sure Harris County has a Bar Association. Call them. They'll recommend someone for you. I'm sure there are legal aid services here. If you can't afford a lawyer, they will work with you. There's no reason not to do it.

**BUDDY**  
**JOHNSTON:** And we have an attorney here in Houston, and she told me one time-- we were talking about doing a thing on wills. And she said that if you really love your lover and you don't have a will, then you really don't love them.

**BRUCE:** And not just a will, either. There's so many-- there are many legal documents which can make a committed homosexual relationship very similar to that of a heterosexual relationship. But you need a lot of different documents to do that, powers of attorney so that if you're in an accident and your lover needs to be able to come into the hospital, then you have to have a piece of paper saying your lover can come into the hospital as family.

**BUDDY**  
**JOHNSTON:** Exactly, just like-- that happened to Sharon.

**BRUCE:** Right. And if people would plan ahead and take care of those things, there are many different ways you can do that. One of them is to adopt each other. At that point, you're legally, in the eyes of the law-- it's real weird, but--

**BUDDY**  
**JOHNSTON:** Also, we have a honorary grand marshal, right?

**BRUCE:** Male grand marshal.

**BUDDY**  
**JOHNSTON:** Male grand marshal.

**BRUCE:** Harvey Milk.

**BUDDY**  
**JOHNSTON:** Who is Harvey Milk.

**BRUCE:** And we-- after deciding we were going to use Sharon as the honorary female grand marshal, we decided it was only fitting to also honor Harvey Milk, as this is the 10th anniversary of his death since he was shot and killed by Dan White, and-- at the same time that Mayor Moscone was. And it's very important that people not forget who Harvey is, Harvey was, and what Harvey has to say. Because Harvey's message to everyone is to come out, come out. And that's a very important message that we cannot and everyone has to remember.

**BUDDY**  
**JOHNSTON:** We should ask some people later on, in the morning, as they come and go, if they know who Harvey Milk was or is.

**BILL TRAVIS:** Sounds like a good idea to me.

**BUDDY**  
**JOHNSTON:** Do you have the cart ready, Mike?

**MIKE:** I do, Buddy.

**BUDDY** Well, let's listen to that right quick, and then we'll be back.

**JOHNSTON:**

**HARVEY MILK:** 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. You must tell your neighbors. You must tell the people you work with. You must tell the people that the stores you shop in. You--

[CHEERING]

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

[CHEERING]

**BUDDY** Truer words could not be spoken. Once you do, you will feel so much better.

**JOHNSTON:**

**WOMAN:** Cheers.

**BUDDY** Right?

**JOHNSTON:**

**BILL TRAVIS:** Right.

**BUDDY** And you know, I've said this before, and I've said it again, it's no big deal that I work for the Houston Police  
**JOHNSTON:** Department. That's no big deal. There are a lot of gay people that work for the Houston Police Department. There are a lot of those people that like to get down on your knees and-- remember that word that rhymes with "sock" and "rock" and "dock" and-- Bruce, don't give me dirty looks. We're at a party.

[LAUGHTER]

You can talk trash at a party.

**BRUCE:** Well, I just-- I'm still trying to figure out what word rhymes with "sock" and "rock" and "dock". I can think of other words, but--

**BUDDY** It starts with a C and it ends with a K, but we can't say--

**JOHNSTON:**

**BRUCE:** Oh, OK. That word.

**BUDDY** --it on the radio.

**JOHNSTON:**

[LAUGHTER]

But the message we have for you this-- what?

**BRUCE:** Cook?

**BUDDY** No, that's close.

**JOHNSTON:**

[LAUGHTER]

Close, no.

**BRUCE:** You mean we can't say that word yet?

**BUDDY** Nn-nn. But the message we can say is that once you do come out, you will feel wonderful.

**JOHNSTON:**

**BRUCE:** That's true. It's amazing how much better and what a load it is when you finally come out, the load that's lifted from your shoulders. I know years ago, when I finally came out on the job, I just-- I broke down one day and wrote a letter to the editor of our local newspaper because they really said something that was just really crass and rude and unacceptable, and I felt like I had to respond to it.

And so that was how I came out to my employer. It actually turned out I was out of the office the day that my letter to the editor appeared in the paper. And magically, when I got back to the office the next day, it was like it'd been buck slipped and xeroxed and every person in the entire plant had seen my letter, which was kind of strange for a while, but nothing was really ever said about it, and I had no problems.

And I really didn't know whether I was going to have a job when I went back to work the next day, but I wasn't really worried about it because it felt so good to finally be able to say how I felt and to respond to those people and their ignorance. And that's-- we take risk every day of our life.

**BUDDY** Exactly.

**JOHNSTON:**

**BRUCE:** You eventually have to decide that you either come out and live with yourself or you stay in your closet and try to live with yourself. And that's easier to do for some people than it is for others.

**BUDDY** That's the message this morning. And like I say, it's not important that I work for the police department, but it is important that-- it is that a couple of days ago I went to HPD and I took a big ol' stack of the hard week guides down there, laid them on the table, and I said, I want to make sure everybody gets one. And they all know who I am and they all know what I am, and I'm still a-- one of the best damn dispatchers they've got down there.

**BRUCE:** That's right.

**BUDDY** And I'm just myself. And as Miriam Coleman said earlier, that's all you need to do, is just be yourself. And that's a big message of Pride Week this morning, just be yourself. It sounds like they're having a good time in there.

**BRUCE:** I tell you.

**BUDDY** Should we listen to some music?

**JOHNSTON:**

**BRUCE:** Sure.

**BUDDY** All right. Listen to some music. We're Kindred Spirits 4900 Richmond Avenue. You're listening to KPFT Houston 90

**JOHNSTON:** point FM-- nine-- 90.1 FM.

**BRUCE:** 90.1 FM.

**BUDDY** I've had too many drinks.

**JOHNSTON:**

**BILL TRAVIS:** Have some more coffee.

**BUDDY** Yeah. This is After Hours, and we're live, once again, from Kindred Spirits 4900 Richmond Avenue. We're

**JOHNSTON:** celebrating Lesbian and Gay Pride Week in a very special way. This is the third of many events that take place this week. We're going to be telling you all about those later on. Want to invite you to come down and join us at the club and have a wonderful time, see your friends, have something nice to drink, and dance the night away. We're going to be here until 4 o'clock. So, Dan?

[MUSIC PLAYING]

**WOMAN:** What do we want?

**CROWD:** Gay rights.

**WOMAN:** When do we want it?

**CROWD:** Now.

**WOMAN:** What do we want?

**CROWD:** Gay rights.

**WOMAN:** When do we want it?

**CROWD:** Now.

**BUDDY** And you're listening to After Hours radio celebrating live from the Heart of the Montrose. Good morning. Welcome

**JOHNSTON:** to Kindred Spirits, where we're celebrating Lesbian and Gay Pride Week. And we're having a good time. Hello? Is anybody out there?

**BILL TRAVIS:** We're here.

**BUDDY** Are we having a good time? We're going to be giving away some T-shirts and some KPFT goodies, so be sure to

**JOHNSTON:** get your name in the bucket. It's about redy to happen.

**MIKE:** Put it in for me, Buddy.

**BUDDY** Sounds like they're playing some wonderful music.

**JOHNSTON:**

**MAN:** All right. I heart the--

**BUDDY** That's all going out live. This is After Hours Radio celebrating live from the Heart of the Montrose on KPFT

**JOHNSTON:** Houston, 90.1 FM. KPFT After Hours Radio celebrating life in the Heart of Montrose live from Kindred Spirits. And Mary Ellen, we have some winners?

**MARY ELLEN:** You bet. Listen up. If you signed up to win the KPFT T-shirts, the first winner of a T-shirt tonight at Kindred Spirits is Anna Fontenot. Anna, meet me at the side of the broadcast booth here, OK? The second winner of a KPFT T-shirt is Jamie Wiggins. Jamie, meet me at the side there.

The third winner of a KPFT T-shirt is Jerry [? O'Donoghue. ?] Jerry, meet me at the side. The fourth winner is Cezanne Hendricks. All right, Cezanne, meet us over at the side for your T-shirt. And the winner of the KPFT six-pack cooler, take it with you, Lois [? Peca. ?] OK. Thank you very much for entering the contest. We appreciate you listening to KPFT and After Hours.

**BUDDY** Sounds good. You also get a KPFT program guide if you give us your name and address before you leave. More

**JOHNSTON:** music from Calvin, our wonderful DJ. Going to be dancing the night away. It's 10 minutes until 2:00 You're listening to After Hours Radio celebrity live from the Heart of Montrose, broadcasting live from Kindred Spirits.

Yes, yes, yes. Radio celebrating life from the heart of the Montrose, this is KPFT's After Hours, and hello there. Who are you?

**LAURIE:** Laurie.

**BUDDY** Laurie. What's going on?

**JOHNSTON:**

**LAURIE:** Not much. What's going on?

**BUDDY** What, did you want to get on the radio and say what?

**JOHNSTON:**

**LAURIE:** I don't know. What'd you want me to say?

[LAUGHTER]

**WOMAN:** Oh, you don't have to say anything.

**LAURIE:** I mean, Jesus. What do you want to say?

**BUDDY** Jesus? What you want - Jesus?

**JOHNSTON:**

**LAURIE:** I don't know.

**WOMAN:** God.

**LAURIE:** Give me a TV camera, and I'll say whatever you want.

**BUDDY**  
**JOHNSTON:** No, this isn't television. This is radio.

**LAURIE:** No, I know. What do you want me to say?

**BUDDY**  
**JOHNSTON:** I don't know. What about the parade?

**LAURIE:** The parade is--

**WOMAN:** She'll be there.

**BUDDY**  
**JOHNSTON:** [INAUDIBLE]

**LAURIE:** Parade-- I will be there. It is fabulous.

**BUDDY**  
**JOHNSTON:** Have you ever marched in the parade before?

**LAURIE:** No, I've never marched in the parade.

**BUDDY**  
**JOHNSTON:** But you've been to the police, right?

**LAURIE:** But I have been to the parade, definitely.

**BUDDY**  
**JOHNSTON:** And it's going to be great.

**LAURIE:** And I'm screaming and yelling at the parade.

**BUDDY**  
**JOHNSTON:** OK.

**LAURIE:** The parade is wonderful.

**BUDDY**  
**JOHNSTON:** [LAUGHS] All right.

**LAURIE:** I mean--

**BUDDY**  
**JOHNSTON:** Thanks for coming around and talking to us.

**LAURIE:** If they had as good of looking girls in that parade as I am--

[LAUGHTER]



**BUDDY** And she is a good-looking lady.

**JOHNSTON:**

**BILL TRAVIS:** I second that motion.

**BUDDY** Right?

**JOHNSTON:**

**LAURIE:** Oh, gee.

**BILL TRAVIS:** Yeah.

**BUDDY** Listen, thanks for coming by and talking to us. She's a real lady.

**JOHNSTON:**

**LAURIE:** Thank you.

**BUDDY** Good morning. How are you, sir?

**JOHNSTON:**

**ARTHUR** All right. Doing fine. Boy, that's a hard act to follow.

**CORDOVA:**

**BUDDY** It certainly is, isn't it? Who are we talking to?

**JOHNSTON:**

**ARTHUR** You're talking to Arthur Cordova, cochair of Baile '88.

**CORDOVA:**

**BUDDY** And I hear that's going to be wonderful.

**JOHNSTON:**

**ARTHUR** Yes, it's the biggest celebration of gay Hispanics in the country. It's our 10th anniversary, and we're really looking forward to having-- it's a part of the climax weekend of gay Pride Week.

**CORDOVA:**

**BUDDY** Do you have any tickets for the press? Because I can't afford those tickets.

**JOHNSTON:**

**ARTHUR** Oh, well, we can talk about that later.

**CORDOVA:**

[LAUGHTER]

**BUDDY** Well, my lover is sitting right over there somewhere. We would like to go, but we can't afford the ticket. No, I'm kidding you. It's a wonderful event. And it's going to be held Saturday night? Are we--

**JOHNSTON:**

**ARTHUR** Saturday night.

**CORDOVA:**

**BUDDY** This coming Saturday?

**JOHNSTON:**

**ARTHUR** This coming Saturday at Astro Village Hotel.

**CORDOVA:**

**BUDDY** This is no shabby thing, right?

**JOHNSTON:**

**ARTHUR** No, it's the largest ballroom outside of the two convention centers.

**CORDOVA:**

**BUDDY** Can you tell us, how long has this been happening?

**JOHNSTON:**

**ARTHUR** This has been happening for now-- it's our seventh Baile, I think, and it's our 10th anniversary. And we're  
**CORDOVA:** welcoming people from all over the country. It's representative-- represented by 40 cities and about eight states.

**BUDDY** And people do come from all over the United States to take part in this.

**JOHNSTON:**

**ARTHUR** Yes, they sure do. And they will be here for all weekend for the parade, too.

**CORDOVA:**

**BUDDY** And the tickets are not that much. I was just kidding you. They're wonderful, and it's going to be a wonderful  
**JOHNSTON:** celebration.

**ARTHUR** Yeah, I want to welcome everybody. I want to invite everybody to come to the Baile '88. And you'll be assured a  
**CORDOVA:** good time.

**BUDDY** Can you say that in Spanish to those people that might be listening?

**JOHNSTON:**

**ARTHUR** [SPEAKING SPANISH]

**CORDOVA:**

**BUDDY** We have a Spanish version of the Lesbian and Gay Pride cart. Mike, if you'll grab that for us? I want to hear that  
**JOHNSTON:** in just a second. What would you say to Hispanics? We have a problem with-- not with Hispanics. We have a  
problem with people of color, Blacks and Orientals and whatever, people that are hidden that don't want to come  
out.

And I know it's hard for Hispanic people that are gay and lesbian because I know the family unit is very strong in  
the Hispanic community, and a lot of my friends are Hispanic. It's hard for them to deal with their homosexuality.  
But for us, we just say, come out and have a good time, right, and be yourself?

**ARTHUR CORDOVA:** Yeah, that's correct. I think the Baile provides of a family atmosphere because it's a time of togetherness, and we party with our community and with our brothers and sisters. And we all come out and have a good time. And it's something that we weren't-- as gay and lesbian Hispanics, we're not able to do with the straight community, but we're being accepted slowly but surely. And even all the Hispanic community-- all the Hispanic community is invited.

**BUDDY JOHNSTON:** That's right. Mike, if you'd play that for us? I want us to hear this cart. It's a beautiful cart, and we'll share that with you right now.

**MIKE:** Buddy.

**WOMAN:** [SPEAKING SPANISH]

**BUDDY JOHNSTON:** Oh, it's not on yet? Oh, here we are. Now we're back. Now we're back live. You were saying what?

**ARTHUR CORDOVA:** I think that's exceptionally well done. I'm very proud of Linda and Mauriano. And that was done very well.

**BUDDY JOHNSTON:** Can you tell me what-- I did that. I put that together for them, and I still don't know what they said.

**ARTHUR CORDOVA:** They're inviting everybody to come out and celebrate Pride, the whole Gay Pride Week, and talking about the parade.

**BUDDY JOHNSTON:** We have a lot of Hispanic programs on KPFT, and the Hispanic programmers say that whatever they say in Spanish is very, very strong and very, very positive and very, very upbeat.

**ARTHUR CORDOVA:** It is. It sure is. It's very, very positive, very, very upbeat.

**BUDDY JOHNSTON:** So once again, next Saturday night, we have--

**ARTHUR CORDOVA:** Baile '88, our 10th anniversary from 9:00--