

[MUSIC PLAYING]

BUDDY We're queer.

JOHNSTON:

[HUMMING]

BRUCE REEVES: We certainly are, aren't we?

BILL TRAVIS: That's right and proud.

BUDDY Well, Travis.

JOHNSTON:

BILL TRAVIS: From Dallas.

BUDDY KNON.

JOHNSTON:

BILL TRAVIS: 89.3 FM in Dallas when you're there.

BUDDY Lambda Weekly.

JOHNSTON:

BILL TRAVIS: Every Sunday, 1:00 o'clock.

BUDDY It's a wonderful show.

JOHNSTON:

BILL TRAVIS: It's great.

BUDDY It certainly is.

JOHNSTON:

BILL TRAVIS: So it's After Hours.

BUDDY Well, I don't know about that. We seem to have a good time with it.

JOHNSTON:

BILL TRAVIS: I've enjoyed it.

BUDDY Really? Well, Mr. Bill Travis is here from KNON. And he's been out to Democratic Caucus Convention, right?

JOHNSTON:

BILL TRAVIS: That's right, State Democratic Convention here in Houston this week.

BUDDY Mr. Dukakis was down there today.

JOHNSTON:

BILL TRAVIS: He was today. And Mr. Jackson was there last night. Both gave fine speeches. They're both very supportive of us.

BUDDY Sounds wonderful. This is After Hours Radio. It's 3 o'clock. KPFT Houston, 90.1 FM. And if it sounds like we're

JOHNSTON: outside, we are. We're live from 4900 Richmond Avenue at Kindred Spirits with part of the kick off week.

This is the kickoff week. This is the only week. We only get one week a year. We're going to have live lesbi-prayer, lesbi-gay, lesbi-Presbyterians. What was I going to say?

[LAUGHTER]

MAN 1: Lesbi-gay.

BUDDY Lesbi-gay week all year long right here. But anyway--

JOHNSTON:

MIKE FORD: I have a Presbyterian right here.

BUDDY This is a-- oh, we do?

JOHNSTON:

MIKE FORD: Yeah, we do.

BUDDY Oh, where'd that voice come from?

JOHNSTON:

BRUCE REEVES: I think it came from the station.

MIKE FORD: Hey.

BRUCE REEVES: Hi Mike.

MIKE FORD: I'm alive. It's unbelievable, but I am still here.

BUDDY Since we're broadcasting from Kindred Spirits, I think we should hear a word from one of our sponsors, that

JOHNSTON: sponsor-- one of those programs for lesbians only. And if you'll find that for us, we'll hear it in just a second. But I want to tell you that we're live at Kindred Spirits, 4900 Richmond Avenue with the third event of Lesbian, Gay Pride Week.

I'm kicking it off for you tonight. We're going to be dancing all the way for about another hour, then we're all going to go home and collapse. But anyway, we got a word from our sponsor. And we'll be right back.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

WOMAN 1 (ON I want to tell you about a revolutionary new hair color. It's for lesbians only. You can choose the look you desire.

SOUNDTRACK): Whether you want that mature, politically correct, salt and pepper look or the matted, sweaty, active style.

Sexual preference by L'Oreal has your number. I let the straight girls be nice and easy. For me, it's strictly sexual preference by L'Oreal. Because without it, I'm worthless.

BRUCE REEVES: I don't think she's worthless.

BILL TRAVIS: No.

BUDDY She sounds like a good lady to me.

JOHNSTON:

BILL TRAVIS: That's some of the good ladies we've seen tonight.

BUDDY Oh, my goodness. Look at all the pretty women. But they're leaving with other pretty women. I don't think there's

JOHNSTON: anything wrong with that.

BILL TRAVIS: There's some pretty men here too.

BUDDY There certainly are.

JOHNSTON:

BILL TRAVIS: They're leaving with pretty men.

BUDDY And they're dancing the night away in there.

JOHNSTON:

BILL TRAVIS: They're having a good time.

BUDDY 4900 Richmond Avenue. If you want to find out what's going on in pride week, and you haven't got a pride week

JOHNSTON: guide, we'll be glad to mail one to you. Just call us at 526-400 or call 961-2905 to find out all about Pride Week, and what's going on Lesbian, Gay Pride Week. It's going to be wonderful.

Got a big parade next week with, I believe, over 50 entries. I think that's what we heard at the last count. And it's going to be wonderful. Everything from porno stars to church groups and atheist groups and After Hours Radio groups.

And if you'd like to be in the parade, and you haven't really got an official invite, you're more than welcome to call me right now at the radio station at 526-4000, and say, hey, I want to be in the parade. And I want to be a part of what's going on next week. And we'd like to march with you in the parade. And we'd be wonderfully pleased to have you walk down Westheimer with us. Where are we getting all that feedback from? Anne, is that you?

ANNE: No.

BUDDY No, it can't be. It sound off aloud from somewhere.

JOHNSTON:

MIKE FORD: [INAUDIBLE]

BUDDY It must be coming from somewhere else. It's stopped.

JOHNSTON:

MIKE FORD: Well, this is my bad.

BUDDY Oh, well. Anyway, feedback is part of live radio. Sometimes you get it and sometimes you don't. What was I saying? If you would like to be in the parade, we'd love to have you walk down Westheimer with us. The number is 526-4000.

If you'd like to take part in the week's activities, we're going to wrap up the Lesbian, Gay Pride Week next Sunday with the traditional March down Westheimer. And it's going to be fabulous. If you can't be in the parade, you can come down and stand on the side of the street, and cheer us on, and possibly catch some After Hours goodies we will be throwing your way.

Also, we'd like to just encourage you to come out, and be proud of who you are, and what you are. Marion Coleman earlier said that we needed to quit pinning labels on ourselves, and I tend to agree with that. If we would just stand up, and say we're good people, and we're decent people, and we don't have to have labels on us, we could really make something. What a wonderful world it would be, and I tend to agree with that. I'm kind of feeling a lot melancholy right now.

BILL TRAVIS: I'm feeling good.

BUDDY I'm feeling good. I'm feeling a little bit sad though, because last night we were in Autry House. And we saw a wonderful variety show, some of the most wonderful, wonderful, wonderful entertainment I've ever seen in my life.

If you could have seen the faces of the women as they stood before us and performed, all of the love, and all of the energy that was going into it, and could have experienced that. If you could just be here tonight with us, and experience the dance that we're having, and feel the energy, and feel the love of all the people, the community that's here, it's just-- it's wonderful. And it's so available. It's so free. And it's so for you.

The phones should be ringing at KPFT at 526-4000. If you want to comment to us, and let us know what's going on-- We have someone auditioning records and tapes right here underneath the canopy with us. But anyway, this is After Hours Radio, celebrating life in the Heart of the Montrose, KPFT at Kindred Spirits. We're going to be here for another 50 minutes or so.

BILL TRAVIS: Dallas times is about the same.

BUDDY Yeah, is it really?

JOHNSTON:

BILL TRAVIS: Yeah.

BUDDY Bill Travis from KNON Lambda weekly. Bruce is here. Judy is sitting over there. We've been trying to get her on **JOHNSTON:** the radio all night. I don't think she's going to. Kathleen's here. Kathleen, come here a minute, baby.

MIKE FORD: Hey, Buddy.

BUDDY Yeah.

JOHNSTON:

MIKE FORD: Why don't you tell them to call me. It's lonely over here.

BUDDY 526-4000.

JOHNSTON:

KATHLEEN: Oh, hi there, Buddy.

BUDDY Hi, dear. What would you say to women that are listening to us this morning? We got more women listening. We

JOHNSTON: have more women listening to us than we do men. Do you believe that?

KATHLEEN: I didn't hear it.

BUDDY I said, we have more women listening to us than we do men.

JOHNSTON:

KATHLEEN: There's more women out there than there are men.

BUDDY Uh-oh. Well, we can discuss that later. But anyway, [CHUCKLES] what would you say to people that are listening

JOHNSTON: that need to come out and be a part of what's going on?

KATHLEEN: Then, yeah, come out, come watch the parade, come march with us if you can.

BUDDY And if you can't, and you want to share those feelings with us, call us at the radio station. 526-4000 is the

JOHNSTON: number to call. Looks like they've brought in some more goodies for us from inside the club. And we're going to go back into the club and listen to some more music.

This is After Hours Radio, celebrating life from the Heart of the Montrose. It's almost 3:15 and time to dance the night away. Come down and see us.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

MAN 1: I should be there [INAUDIBLE].

BUDDY It's beautiful music on a beautiful Sunday morning.

JOHNSTON:

BILL TRAVIS: Good morning, Houston.

BUDDY Good morning, Houston. This is After Hours Radio, celebrating life from the Heart of Montrose, joining me right

JOHNSTON: now, Bill Travis.

BILL TRAVIS: From Dallas.

BUDDY From Dallas. KNON, Lambda Weekly.

JOHNSTON:

BILL TRAVIS: And you are?

BUDDY Until 2 o'clock, right?

JOHNSTON:

BILL TRAVIS: That's right.

BUDDY And my name is Buddy Johnston. Joining me, Bruce Reeves, Clay Harper, Roger Kenser, Judy, and-- who's at the
JOHNSTON: radio station, Mike?

BRUCE REEVES: Mike Ford's here.

MIKE FORD: What's up?

BRUCE REEVES: Lloyd's here.

MIKE FORD: Yeah.

BRUCE REEVES: Lloyd's here now.

MIKE FORD: Mr. French made it through.

BUDDY Mr. French didn't bring me a hamburger. That's OK.

JOHNSTON:

BILL TRAVIS: We don't have Jean here. And you don't know if Jean--

BUDDY What?

JOHNSTON:

BILL TRAVIS: Do we have Jean here?

BUDDY OK, what, who?

JOHNSTON:

BILL TRAVIS: Someone you don't know, my mom.

BUDDY Oh, OK.

JOHNSTON:

BILL TRAVIS: [LAUGHS]

BUDDY Do I need to know them?

JOHNSTON:

BILL TRAVIS: No, Jean's my mom.

BUDDY Oh. I saw your mom.

JOHNSTON:

BILL TRAVIS: Yeah, she was standing back in the background while you all were setting up earlier. You've met Jean.

BUDDY Whose mom is that?

JOHNSTON:

BILL TRAVIS: That's my mom.

BUDDY Who's mine? Mike?

JOHNSTON:

BILL TRAVIS: Yeah.

BUDDY Well, hello, Jean.

JOHNSTON:

BILL TRAVIS: Say hi, Jean.

JEAN: Hi, Buddy.

BUDDY Well, I didn't know that was your mom. I didn't get introduced. I'm sorry I didn't get to meet you.

JOHNSTON:

BILL TRAVIS: She's a very wonderful lady.

BUDDY I saw you there smiling, and it was glad to have-- we were glad to have you down here with us.

JOHNSTON:

BILL TRAVIS: She smiles a lot.

BUDDY Listen, what did you want to say, Mike?

JOHNSTON:

MIKE FORD: Oh, a lot of-- actually I had something specific in mind. And now I'm going to have to talk about a couple of other things.

BUDDY All right.

JOHNSTON:

MIKE FORD: First of all, I know you'd like to know that we had a 17-year-old boy calling. And he wanted you to know that he appreciated everything that that was being done. He really liked the show. He enjoyed it.

BUDDY Uh-huh.

JOHNSTON:

MIKE FORD: He appreciated having something to listen to.

BUDDY That's great.

JOHNSTON:

BRUCE REEVES: And then even better-- or not better but just as good. A couple of guys called in and said-- Glenn and Jeff actually, two separate phone calls. [INAUDIBLE]. But they left numbers, and they're ready to march in the parade.

BILL TRAVIS: Mike, can you bring up your level just a little bit?

MIKE FORD: I can.

BUDDY Yeah, please.

JOHNSTON:

MIKE FORD: Is that better?

BUDDY Yeah, there you go. Now, what did you say, baby?

JOHNSTON:

BRUCE REEVES: I'm talking about Glenn and Jeff. They called. They left numbers for you to call him back, Buddy. They want to march in the parade with us.

BUDDY Great. Maybe I can talk them into carrying this After Hours banner down the street.

JOHNSTON:

BRUCE REEVES: I think they'd probably go for it.

BUDDY If there's anyone else out there listening to us that enjoys After Hours on KPFT and what we're trying to do here

JOHNSTON: every week, give us a call at 526-4000, if you'd like to walk down Westheimer with us next Sunday, when we celebrate the Lesbian, Gay Pride Week in a big way by having the annual parade down Westheimer. Wrapping up at 3300 block in the Quick Coffee parking lot. We're going to have a big rally. And it's going to be wonderful, right?

BRUCE REEVES: That's right.

BUDDY Bruce is here. We all look tired. I'm very tired.

JOHNSTON:

BRUCE REEVES: That's all right, Buddy. I'm ready to answer a question. You have asked everybody but me tonight. You've asked everybody what they would tell somebody if they could tell somebody something.

BUDDY What would you tell someone?

JOHNSTON:

BRUCE REEVES: That's easy, easy question to answer.

WOMAN 2 (ON It's all right. You may all come out. (SINGING) Come out. Come out wherever you are.

SOUNDTRACK):

[MUSIC PLAYING]

DOROTHY (ON Toto, I have a feeling we're not in Kansas anymore. We must be over the rainbow.

RECORDING):

BUDDY We're over the rainbow, all right. You're going home?

JOHNSTON:

BRONWYN: You think?

BUDDY You're going home?

JOHNSTON:

BRONWYN: Yeah, actually it was a great time though. Thanks a lot.

BUDDY Hey, what's your name?

JOHNSTON:

BRONWYN: Bronwyn.

BUDDY Oh, really? And who is this?

JOHNSTON:

BRONWYN: Monique.

MONIQUE: Monique.

BUDDY Are you all going to the parade Sunday?

JOHNSTON:

BRONWYN: Yep, I am.

BUDDY Really?

JOHNSTON:

BRONWYN: First time ever and I'm going.

BUDDY First time?

JOHNSTON:

BRONWYN: Yeah, it's a breakthrough.

BUDDY Oh, really? Well Breakthrough is a women's program on KPFT every Friday morning for 8:00 until 11:00.

JOHNSTON:

BRONWYN: Yeah, we're trying to catch it, but it's just not my time of night.

BUDDY Yeah, well Breakthrough is on 8:00 in the morning, 8:00 to 11:00.

JOHNSTON:

BRONWYN: See, that's not my time. [LAUGHS]

BUDDY There are a lot of things going on at KPFT, really?

JOHNSTON:

BRONWYN: Yeah.

BUDDY Who are your friends?

JOHNSTON:

BRONWYN: This is Cheryl, Elizabeth.

BUDDY So everybody has had a good time tonight?

JOHNSTON:

BRONWYN: We're trying to drag her out. We're going to go to the parade.

BUDDY Drag her our where?

JOHNSTON:

BRONWYN: To the parade, first time ever.

BUDDY You've never seen the parade?

JOHNSTON:

BRONWYN: No, we've never been.

BUDDY Come here. Come here just a minute.

JOHNSTON:

BRONWYN: She's a little shy.

BUDDY She's a little shy? How long has she lived in Houston?

JOHNSTON:

BRONWYN: Six years.

BUDDY And she's never been to a parade?

JOHNSTON:

BRONWYN: A student. It's different.

BUDDY Oh, really?

JOHNSTON:

BRONWYN: Sort of.

BUDDY Yeah, it is. It's kind of hard.

JOHNSTON:

BRONWYN: I think you realize later what you want to be.

BUDDY It's kind of hard though for a lot of people. I remember the first time I went into a gay bar, I was scared to death.

JOHNSTON:

BRONWYN: Well, so was I.

BUDDY Now they can't keep me out of them.

JOHNSTON:

BRONWYN: [LAUGHS] Me neither.

[LAUGHTER]

BUDDY Listen, thanks y'all. Thanks for coming by.

JOHNSTON:

BRONWYN: Thank you. Thanks a lot.

BUDDY Have a good night, sure.

JOHNSTON:

MONIQUE: Have a good evening.

BUDDY Sure. Those are some fine folks here at Kindred Spirits, 4900 Richmond Avenue, where we're having a After

JOHNSTON: Hours dance. And we're getting ready to kick off pride week in a very big way. Honk your horn if you're listening to us.

BILL TRAVIS: I thought that was a--

BRUCE REEVES: I guess they're not listening to you.

BUDDY Honk your horn if you love Jesus or something. Is that right?

JOHNSTON:

BILL TRAVIS: I've seen that.

BRUCE REEVES: Yeah, I've seen that too.

BUDDY Anyway, After Hours Radio, broadcasting live from Kindred Spirits. And emotions are high this morning. We've

JOHNSTON: seen a lot of people coming and going and having a good time.

The problem is we haven't seen you. Maybe you're sitting at home listening to us every week, and I know that you are. Maybe you work as a policeman or a fireman or a nurse or a doctor or a telephone operator or a computer programmer or a bellhop, a bellboy--

MIKE FORD: Maybe you work at the restobar.

BUDDY --or maybe you work in a taco stand, or maybe you sell newspapers on the corner of the street.

JOHNSTON:

And for some reason, you think that because you have the feelings that you love someone of the same sex that that's bad, because your mama told you all your life that it was bad, or your church told you all your life that it was bad, and your friends have told you all your life that it was bad.

Well, we're here this morning to tell you that it's good. It's good to be yourself. And if you happen to feel that you're attracted to someone of the same sex, I think that's wonderful. I think it's wonderful though if you can look at yourself in the mirror and be happy of who you are and what you are. And when we get up every day and shave and get ready to work, we don't have to look at our moms and our dads and our pastors and our friends. We look at ourselves.

So our message this morning is be proud of yourself. Be yourself. Don't just sit there and listen to us on the radio, get involved. Be rightfully proud as the lesbian, gay pride [STAMMERS]

BILL TRAVIS: Slogan.

BUDDY JOHNSTON: --slogan-- thank you-- says this year. Be rightfully proud of who you are and what you are. Come out and experience life. I'm 33 years old and I just came out on the job. I worked for the Houston Police Department as a dispatcher, and that's no big deal. The big deal is that I'm proud of who I am. And now I go to work every day, and I know who I am. My friends know who I am. The people that like me, they continue to like me. The people that didn't like me, they don't like me any more.

So I really didn't lose anything. What I did gain was a lot of respect from people that love me a lot. And it's nice to have that feeling of support from friends and loved ones because a lot of times, my family wasn't there. Most of the time, my church wasn't there. Most of the time, my job wasn't there. But my friends have always been there. And my family is there in the form of gay men and women that have come together to say we're good people, and we're going to make a difference.

If you take the Kinsey Report back in the early 50s, this is a 10% of the population that's either gay or lesbian. It means that there are between 30 and 40 million of us in the United States. And once again, if you would just listen to the words, the founding fathers of our wonderful country, when they wrote We the People in the preamble of the constitution, then believe that you are a part of that. And that you are a part of that feeling, that feeling of love, and unity, and strength that would just grab you. And they wouldn't be able to stop us.

Next year is the 20th anniversary of Stonewall. And we have to come out. I don't know how we're going to do that. Bruce and I have said around many times, right, and discussed how are we going to get people involved. And next year as pride week comes up, how do you think, Bruce, what do you think?

BRUCE REEVES: I was really, really disappointed last night in the crowd down at Autry House, because we had all these wonderful women, all of this wonderful entertainment, and just a few people saw them. And tonight, we've had a wonderful crowd here. We still have a wonderful crowd. And everybody's having a good time.

But I sit and think of the hundreds of thousands of people that are out there that don't come out, and don't have a good time. And they live their lives in fear.

BILL TRAVIS: Well, that's right. There have to be at least 400,000 gay and lesbian people in the Houston area. That's a lot of us, 10% of the population. And that's a conservative figure. That's the people that are 5's and 6's on the Kinsey scale. That doesn't take into account the people through 3's and 4's.

And so if you took all those people into account-- if we could get all of those people down on Westheimer, we couldn't move through the crowd. And it would just be so wonderful. And I was actually quoted correctly in the Voices [INAUDIBLE] saying that was amazing.

BRUCE REEVES: But we have to come out of the closet, and we have to be a part. And pride week is not an elitist thing, as we said in the cart that we had to pull off KPFT a couple of weeks ago. But it's not an elitist thing. And it is something that everybody can be involved in. It's just a matter of coming to the meetings and getting involved.

No matter what you do, you have some talent that pride week can use, whether it's just to be a gofer, whether you're an artist, whether you're an organizer. There's so many different parts and pieces of pride week that have to take place. Writers-- there's just so many different ways you can get involved. And we need everyone to come out and get involved in August, so we can make the 20th anniversary of Stonewall be a wonderful tearing down walls experience.

BILL TRAVIS: That's one of the wonderful things about our community that we got so many people that have so many diverse interests. Like we were talking about earlier, there's doctors. There's lawyers. There's just about any profession you could think of. There's organizations for artists. There's perhaps singing groups, dance groups.

BUDDY And I think it's sad because as Marion Coleman said earlier, it seems that we're always so busy fighting about the little things. Just like the big discussion we had at the last pride week meeting, where they had the cart pulled that we had played on KPFT for such a long time.

And I saw someone at the press conference we had Thursday, and they said, well, we heard you on the radio last week whining about pulling that cart. And I really don't think that was whining. I was very angry. And I was very upset that that cart was pulled.

I was more upset, I think, because people don't involve themselves. And as you said, when they found out that cart had been running for such a long time, that you could see what they'd had for lunch for several days. And I think we do need to get involved. And I would like to encourage everyone that's interested in the parade and interested in pride week to come out and be involved early.

BRUCE REEVES: And, of course, pride week is just like anything else. If you don't vote in a presidential election, you have no right to complain about what happens when that president does something you don't like. When pride week does something you don't like-- if you've never been to a meeting, you have nothing to say about it. You have absolutely nothing to say about it.

And the guy that I talk about, who is they? Because I'm always going out in the community, and I hear someone say, well, what are they doing this year, and what are they doing this year, and why did they do this, and why did they do that? The word is not they, people, it's we.

It's what can we do. And what can we do. And what can you do to help. And I said that to someone back about four months ago. And that person wound up volunteering to be a finance chair for pride week and raised over \$5,000.

BUDDY And raised quite a bit of money. That's the message--

JOHNSTON:

BRUCE REEVES: And that's wonderful.

BUDDY That's the message we have for you this morning. It's not an us, they, them thing. It's a you thing.

JOHNSTON:

BILL TRAVIS: Because they is us.

BUDDY Exactly.

JOHNSTON:

BRUCE REEVES: That's right.

BUDDY The opening to our show, the song that we play every week that everyone seems to like so much is called *You*.

JOHNSTON: And it's the theme song of this program because that is you. This is you. This radio program doesn't belong to me. It doesn't belong to KPFT. It doesn't belong to all the people that come down here every week and do it for nothing. We're doing it for you.

We're doing it because you know that you are important. We're doing it because you know that you are a good person. We're doing it because you know that all of those lies the church told you, all those lies that your parents told you about how bad homosexuality were, they're not true.

You're a good person. You're a good person. And you're going to make a difference. But you can only make it difference when you can look at yourself in the mirror and get up and do something. And that's what we're telling you now. We need you to get involved. We need you did become a part. We needed to be rightfully proud of what's going on this year and every year, not just gay pride week.

I remember someone had said something about pride week, and all of the money, and all of the energy that we put into it, and how it's a shame that we can only have one week. We should have that pride every day, and we should. We should join with the feelings that Marion Coleman had, and quit pinning labels on ourselves, and just be people.

Get together as a community, let's make a difference. Let's go down and register to vote. And when elections come, and we have people in office that we don't like, or people that are running for office that we don't like, change it. Make a difference. Vote. 40 million people don't even vote in presidential elections.

If we can get every gay and lesbian person registered to vote in this country, we could change the world. And I love KPFT. KPFT is my whole life. I love what we do on this radio show.

But the Black community and the Hispanic community, they have radio stations. They have cable networks. They have newspapers. They have all these wonderful things because they know who they are. They support what they do. They get together as a people. And they have made a difference.

And if the gay and lesbian community is ever going to do that, we're going to have to realize that. And it's not anything special. There's not any magic formula. There's not any secret words to say. It's just look in the mirror, be proud of yourself. And, goddammit, let's make a difference. Let's make it a beautiful world.

Instead of having six people involved in pride week for Stonewall next year, let's have 600. Instead of having Autry House down there with the women's base trying to put on a beautiful show, which was a beautiful show, let's fill up the George R. Brown Convention Center. Instead of having 5,000 or 6,000 people down on Westheimer watching the parade, let's have 500,00 or 600,000 people.

In Washington in October, KPFT broadcast the rally live from the National March on Washington for gay and lesbian rights. They were between 500,000 and 700,000 people there on the Washington Mall. I wasn't there but there were gay people that were there. And it was the largest demonstration that this country has ever seen, where people have come together, and made a difference. We were there. And those people looked at each other, and they got excited.

People like Bruce Reeves went to that rally, and they saw those million-- those hundreds of thousands of people. I'd like to say millions because they're out there. But they saw those hundreds of thousands of people, and they got excited. They came back to their homes. And they became involved in things like pride week. And if you think it's easy getting involved, it's not, because there's a small handful of us doing all the work. But we know that you can do it. Get involved, be a part of it.

I talked to a young man one time that was listening to our show. He called about the quilt, the name is Project Coming. And he said that he was in Washington, DC. And as he was getting on the subway leaving from the rally, there were just hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of gay people down in the subways of Washington screaming. And they were screaming, what do we want? Gay rights. When do we want it? Now. What do we want? Gay rights. When do we want it? Now.

And he said that on the side, he saw three police officers, two men and a woman. And they were standing there together looking at all of these gay and lesbian people wondering probably, what the hell's going on? And he said he turned around, and he could just feel the energy in the room.

And he caught out of the corner of his eye once again those police officers. And one of the men had stood up, and he was yelling at the top of his lungs. What do we want? Gay rights. When do we want them? Now. He was caught up by that feeling.

And what we do here every week, it's not anything special. What I do every week by going to work is not anything special. It's the same feeling you have inside you.

And we want you to find your emotions. We want you to become a part of what's going on. We want you to feel as good about yourself as we do about ourselves. And I know that you can. Lost emotions, don't lose your emotions. Find them. Here's Romanovsky and Phillips.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

Oh, and what a wonderful world it would be if we could feel those emotions with each other. Someone called one time, we were having a wonderful show, Bill. And they said it's not a gay world.

BILL TRAVIS: It's not?

BUDDY No, and I said, well, it's not a gay world, but it's our world. It's not a straight world either.

JOHNSTON:

BILL TRAVIS: No, but we're all a part of the same world. We all have the same rights.

BUDDY Exactly. Remember the constitution, We the People. Well, we've got about 20 minutes left on a beautiful Sunday.

JOHNSTON: I've had a blast.

BRUCE REEVES: It has been fun.

BILL TRAVIS: It's been good for me.

BUDDY Really?

JOHNSTON:

BILL TRAVIS: Yeah.

BRUCE REEVES: We should do this again next year.

BUDDY Yeah, next year.

JOHNSTON:

[LAUGHTER]

BRUCE REEVES: How about next week?

BUDDY Next week? Well, next week we'll do a four-hour thing. But I don't want to do that sitting on the porch here at

JOHNSTON: Kindred Spirits. Although, I love Kindred Spirits, and I've had a wonderful time.

BRUCE REEVES: It's really been great. But all KPFT has is flies. They've got mosquitoes here.

BUDDY I know. And they're just eating us alive. And we've had a wonderful time. We've got about 20 minutes. And I

JOHNSTON: don't really know what we're going to do other than talk and ramble.

MIKE FORD: Can I say something?

BUDDY Sure, what do you want to say?

JOHNSTON:

MIKE FORD: I don't want to say anything. I want to hear *Not Allowed*.

BUDDY Go ahead.

JOHNSTON:

MIKE FORD: Is that all right?

BUDDY Sure.

JOHNSTON:

MIKE FORD: Oh, yeah.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

BUDDY And the reason they're not allowed is because they just don't do it, right?

JOHNSTON:

BILL TRAVIS: That's right.

BUDDY I had a 19-year-old kid call me.

JOHNSTON:

BRUCE REEVES: A 19-year-old kid.

BUDDY Oh, god, I wish I was a 19-year-old kid.

JOHNSTON:

BRUCE REEVES: Poor baby.

BUDDY I wish I had a 19-year-old kid.

JOHNSTON:

BRUCE REEVES: Yeah, I bet.

BUDDY I just couldn't keep up with the--

JOHNSTON:

BRUCE REEVES: With the 19-year-old kid.

BUDDY Oh, I'm just kidding. I'd like a nice 32-year-old.

JOHNSTON:

BILL TRAVIS: Well, I think I can remember 19.

BUDDY Oh, can you?

JOHNSTON:

BILL TRAVIS: Just about.

BUDDY And the scary-- I like things just the way they are.

JOHNSTON:

BILL TRAVIS: That's right. It gets better as you get older.

BUDDY But the reason they were not allowed to hold hands and walk through those places is because they just didn't do

JOHNSTON: it. Well, we had a young man call us that listens to our show faithfully a couple of weeks ago. And he said that he and some of his friends were walking through Greenpoint Mall. And someone said, look at those faggots.

BRUCE REEVES: (MOCKING) Faggot.

BUDDY He said they turned around and said, yeah, we're faggots, so what? That's the attitude you need to take.

JOHNSTON:

BRUCE REEVES: That's right.

BUDDY It's After Hours Radio broadcasting live from Kindred Spirits. We've got about 15 more minutes. And we're going

JOHNSTON: to be saying goodbye for next week.

If you'd like to march in the parade with us next Sunday, give us a call at 526-4000. I want to see you walking down Westheimer with me and my After Hours family. And I want to see you throwing rubbers and beads, models and beads, and god knows what we're going to throw.

BRUCE REEVES: [LAUGHS]

BUDDY Won't they just throw ourselves to that crowd.

JOHNSTON:

BRUCE REEVES: Could be festive.

BUDDY Yeah. I can think of some people in that crowd that would like us to throw ourselves to the crowd.

JOHNSTON:

BRUCE REEVES: And I know other people in their crowd that would run the other way but--

BUDDY Well.

JOHNSTON:

[LAUGHTER]

I just say thank god, this is radio right now and not television.

BRUCE REEVES: This is for sure.

BUDDY If you could this crowd--

JOHNSTON:

BILL TRAVIS: It's live radio.

BRUCE REEVES: If we ever get to do a TV program, it cannot be from 2:00 to 4:00 in the morning, OK?

BILL TRAVIS: Not the way you're dressed.

BRUCE REEVES: Thank you, dear.

BILL TRAVIS: [LAUGHS]

BRUCE REEVES: Not with these mosquitoes in here.

BILL TRAVIS: [LAUGHS]

BUDDY Kindred Spirits has been wonderful, really have.

JOHNSTON:

BRUCE REEVES: Marion is such a wonderful person.

BUDDY Oh, Marion Coleman. Let me tell you about Marion Coleman. Marion Coleman has always been there. When the

JOHNSTON: Names Project wrapped up after all of that energy and effort, we had 600 volunteers plus. And Marion Coleman decided to throw a little party for us. Now, when this lady throws a party--

BRUCE REEVES: She throws a party.

BUDDY --she had barbecue. She had bean. She had all the goodies that go with barbecue. And we had drinks. And we
JOHNSTON: had a wonderful time just like we've had a wonderful time here tonight.

And Debbie, the manager, and the entire staff at KS, they've been wonderful for us and to us all night long. And all we can say is thank you. I want to say a special thank you also to Calvin. I'm going to go ahead and say goodnight to him in just a minute, because he's in there working his heart out playing some wonderful music.

BILL TRAVIS: That's right.

BUDDY And I guess you can hear music like that every night here at Kindred Spirits.

JOHNSTON:

BRUCE REEVES: Pretty much. It's a wonderful place.

BUDDY It's 4900 Richmond Avenue. We've been here since midnight. We're getting ready to go home in just about 10 or
JOHNSTON: 12 minutes. And if we could say anything to you this morning, it would just be, be yourself. Come out and enjoy the rest of the Lesbian, Gay Pride Week.

BRUCE REEVES: And be rightfully proud.

BUDDY Yes. And Mr. Bill's getting the program guide right now. And he's going to remind you of what's coming up
JOHNSTON: tomorrow. Although, it's sold out. It's the Dignity Cruise. I like cruise. And I like to go on a cruise.

BRUCE REEVES: On the Island Queen.

BUDDY Yeah, right there.

JOHNSTON:

BILL TRAVIS: Yeah, it says the Dignity Houston is sponsoring a pride week cruise on the Island Queen. It's a four-hour round trip. And it departs from the Buffalo Bayou at Shanghai Reds at 6 o'clock.

BUDDY Although, it's sold out. I understand--

JOHNSTON:

BILL TRAVIS: It's sold out.

BUDDY [INAUDIBLE] will probably be doing it again. On Monday, *Gay, Proud and Sober*, a film by-- does it sound like I'm
JOHNSTON: sober right now? I am. I'm just tired. *Gay, Proud and Sober*, a film presented by the Montrose Counseling Centers, there's more alcohol, drug abuse program. That's Bob Hodges' program. It will be held at 900 Lovett, suite 203 at 7:30. That's absolutely free. And then on Tuesday--

BILL TRAVIS: We have the stuff that dreams are made of. And that will be presented by the Montrose Counseling Center AIDS Project to show the response of Houston's lesbian and gay community to AIDS. And that starts at 7:30. And it's at 900 Lovett, suite 203, and it is free.

BUDDY Also, the Montrose Clinic will host a formal fundraiser dinner and Jonathan's. That's at 2715 Watercrest Drive.

JOHNSTON: Entertainment will be provided by Lee Aldridge, who is just absolutely wonderful. They're going to have dinner at 6:30. And 7:30, It's going to be open to the public. And there is a fee for that. And what did I miss?

BILL TRAVIS: Let's see. It looks like cocktails are at 6:30, dinner at 7:30, and open to the public after 9:00.

BUDDY And wait a minute, listen to this.

JOHNSTON:

[SLAPPING]

I'm killing mosquitoes because one just bit me on the rear end.

BILL TRAVIS: [LAUGHS]

BUDDY Can I say rear end on the radio?

JOHNSTON:

BRUCE REEVES: Maybe.

BUDDY Too late. We already did.

JOHNSTON:

BILL TRAVIS: I'm here swatting ants.

BUDDY We're swatting the ants in our pants. And then, Bruce, on the 22nd?

JOHNSTON:

BRUCE REEVES: Celebrating women's creativity will be presented by the Montrose Counseling Center Women's Program. The presentation will include an evening of women's culture, including poetry, reading music, and the display of arts and crafts at 900 Lovett, suite 203 at 7:00 PM.

BILL TRAVIS: And that is free. On Thursday the 23rd, we have a day of remembrance. That's a narrative celebration of the good work of the gay and lesbian community that's been done over the last decade.

And it's presented by the Houston Interfaith Alliance at the Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection. And that's at, what, 1919 Decatur at 7:30. The songs and prayers are included. And it is also free.

BUDDY Also on Thursday, the American gay atheist, Don Sanders, and all of our wonderful friends there at AGA will show

JOHNSTON: a video of Ben Ackerley's speech, Earth is Enough. This was given at the 18th annual convention of American Atheists. That's going to be presented at 7:00 PM at the Montrose branch of the Houston Public Library at 4100 Montrose. And donations will be accepted there.

BRUCE REEVES: Friday, June the 24th, the AIDS Foundation Houston will hold a volunteer reception and open house to the public at 3927 Essex Lane from 4:00 until 8:00 PM. And that's also free.

BILL TRAVIS: And also on Friday, Amiga, which stands for all new [INAUDIBLE]-- I assume that's how you pronounce it-- interested in getting active, will host a show and a dance. [SPANISH] at 9:00 PM at the Bacchus.

BUDDY I didn't know you español.

JOHNSTON:

BILL TRAVIS: No parle español.

BUDDY OK, I'm sorry. That'll be at Bacchus at--

JOHNSTON:

[LAUGHTER]

BILL TRAVIS: 523 Lovett with guest DJ, Becky Contreras.

BUDDY There is a small fee for that. And then on Saturday, the TGAR-- TGRA, excuse me, will present in all-city gay and

JOHNSTON: lesbian bar tour by bus beginning at the BRB. For times and information and cost, call 528-9192.

BRUCE REEVES: They're one of the largest gay and lesbian dances in the country. The Gay and Lesbian Hispanics Unidos presents Balle of '88 from 9:00 PM until 2:00 AM in the grand ballroom of the Astro Village Hotel at 610 at Kirby. Music will be provided by Jorge Sanchez and the Avida band. And there will be a special guest, TJ. Reservations may be obtained by calling 522-9807.

BUDDY And that's it for the Lesbian, Gay Pride Week.

JOHNSTON:

BILL TRAVIS: Nope, nope.

BRUCE REEVES: No, no, no, no, no, no, no.

BILL TRAVIS: Wrong, wrong, wrong.

BUDDY You mean I missed something?

JOHNSTON:

MIKE FORD: This Sunday is the parade.

BUDDY Sunday is the parade.

JOHNSTON:

MIKE FORD: From Woodhead to Montrose on Westheimer.

BUDDY From Woodhead to Montrose on Westheimer.

JOHNSTON:

MIKE FORD: And into the Quick Coffee parking lot.

BUDDY At 3317 Montrose for the pride rally.

JOHNSTON:

MIKE FORD: Yes, and speaking of the parade--

BUDDY Yes?

JOHNSTON:

MIKE FORD: It begins at 3:00 PM.

BUDDY 3:00 PM. And the rally will be about 5:30. Although, the rally may be a little later if we have 50 entries.

JOHNSTON:

BRUCE REEVES: Mike, you need to turn your level up a little bit.

BUDDY Also, you can tune in to KPFT beginning at 3 o'clock on Sunday, and catch the parade right here over your
JOHNSTON: Pacifica Station. This is KPFT Houston, After Hours broadcasting live from Kindred Spirits part of the Lesbian, Gay
Pride Week.

Also want to remind you that you can catch Waldenstein every Tuesday from 10:00 until 11:00 PM. Jack and Ray
come in and give you a wonderful show all about what's going on in the community. Breakthrough with Cherry
and Pokey on every Friday from 8:00 until 11:00. And all the wonderful things going on there. And, of course,
After Hours every Sunday morning from 2:00 until 4:00. And Debbie, what's cooking?

DEBBIE: Oh, you guys have done a wonderful job. And we thank you very much for it.

BUDDY I'm tired.

JOHNSTON:

DEBBIE: You're tired? We're just getting started.

BUDDY [CHUCKLES] We're getting started. Can we go home in a few minutes?

JOHNSTON:

DEBBIE: Sure, sure. Listen, I apologize for the mosquitoes.

[LAUGHTER]

BUDDY The mosquitoes have been fine. They've been out here biting us. It's the only bite I've had all night.

JOHNSTON:

[LAUGHTER]

She's not going to touch that with a 10-foot microphone.

DEBBIE: Well, next year when you guys come back, and then I hope that you do.

BUDDY Oh, we will.

JOHNSTON:

DEBBIE: We will supply all the mosquito spray.

[LAUGHTER]

BUDDY Listen, I just--

JOHNSTON:

DEBBIE: And free of charge and no cover, OK? We'll take care of that.

BUDDY I just want to thank Marion and you and the staff here. Everybody's been wonderful. Calvin has played us some

JOHNSTON: of the hottest music we've heard in a long, long time. Is it like this every night here?

DEBBIE: It's even better.

BUDDY Is it really?

JOHNSTON:

DEBBIE: Yeah, Calvin has done a fantastic job. And I'm very proud of Calvin.

BUDDY He certainly has. And we've had a wonderful time. And I just want to thank you and everybody at Kindred Spirits.

JOHNSTON: Everybody has been wonderful.

And like I said, Marion is always there when you need her. And she's always there when you don't need her, because all you got to do is say we need help. And she's always there. You don't even have to ask. And she's doing something for us. And I think that's wonderful.

DEBBIE: And she's a very unselfish person. I've known her for 18 years. I have a lot of love for Marion Coleman and a lot of respect. So I'm very honored that I'm even having a chance to manage her bar, because she's a wonderful lady. And I have a lot of admiration for her.

BUDDY Well, Debbie, thank you so much for letting us come down here and sit on your porch tonight.

JOHNSTON:

DEBBIE: [CHUCKLES] I think we'll be able to do this in December.

BUDDY Oh, no, when it's cold?

JOHNSTON:

DEBBIE: We'll build a campfire. And we'll put the barbecue pits out. And you guys can warm your hands and things like that.

BUDDY I heard you say something. You might want to have a parking lot party in the park.

JOHNSTON:

DEBBIE: We are.

BUDDY That lot over there someday.

JOHNSTON:

DEBBIE: We are. July 24th, we're going to get a band. And we're going to try to talk to the Names Project, the AIDS Foundation, Montrose Counseling Center. They can set up a little fundraiser out there for anything they might want to do. We're going to have one heck of a party.

BUDDY Sounds like it's going to be wonderful.

JOHNSTON:

DEBBIE: And we're going to put a show on at 10 o'clock with Ricky O'Shea and our own Michael, Miss Amanda. It's going to be a festive evening, I'm telling you.

BUDDY It sounds good. Listen, darling, thank you so much for letting us come down here and be a part of the night.

JOHNSTON:

DEBBIE: No problem. I want to thank all of you. And I wish you a lot of luck with gay pride week. Anything we can do to help, bring us some more t-shirts, for sure.

BRUCE REEVES: [LAUGHS] All right, Debbie.

BUDDY That's Bruce's department, the t-shirt department.

JOHNSTON:

MIKE FORD: Hey, Buddy.

BUDDY Yes, sir?

JOHNSTON:

MIKE FORD: We got another call.

BUDDY OK.

JOHNSTON:

MIKE FORD: Call from Ariel, a young lady.

BUDDY Uh-huh.

JOHNSTON:

MIKE FORD: And she wants to march with you on Sunday too.

BUDDY Great. I'm glad to hear that. Anybody else out there that'd like to march with us down in Westheimer on the

JOHNSTON: annual parade, give us a call right now, 526-4000. 526-4000. I'd love to have you.

BRUCE REEVES: Or call later in the week at 529-4636, the After Hours hotline.

BUDDY If you have any questions about what we're doing on this show, because we certainly don't know what the hell

JOHNSTON: we're doing on this show.

BRUCE REEVES: We don't? [LAUGHS]

BUDDY You can call and give us some advice at 529-4636. I want to take just a minute to personally thank my co-

JOHNSTON: anchors, I guess. Are they co-anchors? Mike Ford back at the radio station and Mike Leone and-- let's see. Who else is there?

BRUCE REEVES: Scott.

BUDDY Scott is there.

JOHNSTON:

BRUCE REEVES: And Jim.

BUDDY And Jim is there answering your phone. And I want to thank Bruce Reeves, male coach here at pride week, who

JOHNSTON: happens to be a queer friend of mine, for coming down and sitting by with me. And I want to encourage everybody to come out and get involved in the parade.

BRUCE REEVES: I maybe a queer, but am I really friend of yours?

BUDDY Well, I was just going to say--

JOHNSTON:

BRUCE REEVES: [LAUGHS]

BUDDY --I want to encourage everybody.

JOHNSTON:

BILL TRAVIS: He's trying to be known.

BUDDY I want to encourage everybody to come down and get involved in the parade next year, so Bruce and I don't

JOHNSTON: have to fight with each other so much--

BRUCE REEVES: That's right.

BUDDY --over everybody not being involved in the parade. And then I want to think Clay Harper and Catherine?

JOHNSTON: Kathleen, Kathleen, Catherine, Kathleen-- and Judy and-- who else are we forgetting.

BRUCE REEVES: Bill Travis.

BUDDY Well, I want to get to him in a minute.

JOHNSTON:

BRUCE REEVES: Oh, OK.

BUDDY I thank Lloyd for coming by. And I just want to thank everybody. I want to thank KPFT--

JOHNSTON:

BRUCE REEVES: (WHISPERS) Roger.

BUDDY --and Jean and Duane. You know, Duane for taking a chance to let in this show on the air. Special thanks tonight

JOHNSTON: go to Bill Travis from KNOM. Bill's down here with the convention, but we managed to hold him over to help us get through this broadcast this morning.

And, Bill, I just want to say thank you. It looks like he's getting a back rub and-- There he is, right there. I just want to say thanks, Bill, for coming over and helping us.

BILL TRAVIS: Glad to be here. I enjoyed it.

BUDDY And when we're in Dallas, we're going to listen to Lambda Weekly--

JOHNSTON:

BILL TRAVIS: No, you're going to co-host.

BUDDY --on KNOM.

JOHNSTON:

[LAUGHTER]

And I want to say thanks to Mr. Dan [INAUDIBLE], our engineer, who's been sitting over there getting bitten by mosquitoes, getting us some wonderful sound back to the station. And a special thanks to Mike Ford. They're doing some wonderful work at KPFT on the board and keeping us sounding so good. Special thanks to everybody once again at Kindred Spirits. Our DJ for the night has been-- I forgot his name. I'm tired.

BRUCE REEVES: Calvin.

BUDDY Calvin. Calvin's played some wonderful music. And most of all, I want to say thank you to Roger, because I love him very much. And without him, I don't think I could have gotten this far. And I want to say thank you to you for listening and supporting this program. And I want to say thank to you for being there for us every week.

Give us a call at the After Hours hotline 529-4636. Let us know that you're there. Let us know that you care. This is Buddy. It's almost time to go. Mike, if you'd pop the card in for me and start the After Hours theme, I'd love to hear Harvey Milk. And then I'll say goodbye once again.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

- (SINGING) I'll be famous.

HARVEY MILK And aim-- I aim people all over this country to do one thing, come out. Come out, America. Come out.
(ON
SOUNDTRACK):

[CROWD CHEERING]

[MUSIC PLAYING]

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.

[CROWD 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 in the stores you shop in. You--

[CROWD CHEERING]

And 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.

[CROWD CHEERING]

MIKE FORD: Buddy, we got one more parade marcher. Lewis is going to--