

- Ooh, yes. That was "Money" by The Flying Lizards, a hot tune from not too long ago. So why don't you take your flying lizard over to the phone and give us a call at 526-5738, 526-KPFT. And in the meantime--

[MUSIC PLAYING]

- It's gone from the release you. You can hear it on KPFT's *Esoteric Adventures*, Monday mornings, 3:00 to 6:00 AM. Boy, that's early, isn't it? KPFT Houston bringing you progressive and art rock from the '60s and '70s and whatever else we decide to play at 4:00 in the morning. *Esoteric Adventures* with your host Vince only on KPFT. But you knew that.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

- Yes. And that was Vince who happens to be out in the lobby right now.

- Hey, that's right. And that show sounded like a far superior show to this one.

- I doubt it.

- [LAUGHS]

- I've heard it, and it stinks.

- [LAUGHS] Well, Barbara came down and brought us like 15 tons of stuff--

- I know that's right.

- --to pass out out to the listeners that call.

- We have got specials if you want to part with some geedis. [INAUDIBLE] are you with me-- are you with me, Vince?

- I'm here. I'm here.

- What do we have?

- We have Tom Wilson. We have *All-American Boy* and the *Gay Name Game*. We have--

- [INAUDIBLE]

- --classic, classic record.

- Yeah, classic. I was checking out some of the titles here, and actually, I'm not familiar with these records. But--

- Gee.

- Gee. [LAUGHS]

- I guess straight boys don't--

- Yeah. Well, you can't listen to this kind of stuff when you grow up in Pearland. You get run out of town on a radio. So--

- Oh, we all-- let me clear you in. There's men and women in Pearland right now listening.

- Really? I find that hard to believe. OK. I tell you what, if somebody calls and they have a Pearland address--

- Yeah?

- --well, I tell you what, if you call and you got a Pearland address for a \$70 pledge, I'll give you two records and a genuine official size and weight synthetic leather FIFA-approved deflated soccer ball. How about that?

- What is he talking about?

- I have two-- look, look, right here, next to the mic.

- Oh, yeah.

- I have two soccer balls out here that I can give away. So--

- Whoa.

- --70 bucks. You get a couple of albums. I give you a soccer ball. You can go to the park or something. I don't know.

- Yeah.

- But you have to put air in it.

- You can go to the park anyway.

- Great way to meet men.

- That's true. Yeah, see? There.

- And not only that. For a \$90 pledge, wherever you are, we have got the complete works of Romanovsky and Phillips all three albums.

- Oh, OK. I didn't know if there was more than three, but we do have all three.

- Three is all there is right now.

- OK. Well, we have *Trouble in Paradise* on CD, and we only have one left. So the very next guy who calls or girl who calls is going to get--

- Woman.

- I'm sorry. I'm sorry.

- We got to educate these straight boys.

- [LAUGHS]

- [LAUGHS]

- We got cassettes. We've got albums. We have one CD left, so the next caller gets to get this CD *Trouble in Paradise*. We have *Emotional Roller Coaster* there. Jeez, I can't read either. And we have *Thought You'd Be Taller*.

- That was their first one.

- Yeah, OK. OK. I didn't look at the years. But we've got tie-dye T-shirts, tie-dye cast. We got cups. We got coolers. We got Cajun gumbo T-shirts. We got everything you could ever possibly-- you could live off of the premiums from KPFT.

- But the important thing is, do we have anyone to thank?

- Yes, actually we do. We have Jim and Gary who called up. And Gary jumped right on the Romanovsky and Phillips roller , if you excuse the pun.

- I'll bet he did.

- And we're just cleaning the house here. We--

- Gary seems like that kind of guy.

- Now these guys are-- these people are so bored. They're stuffing envelopes. I would much rather see them answering telephones.

- [HEAVY BREATHING] I got scared there for a minute until you completed that.

- Hey, hey, the envelopes, envelopes.

- Yes, yes.

- That's it. Work with me here.

- OK. OK. Well--

- You're doing okay on your own.

- Yeah. Yeah, I've heard your show.

- [LAUGHS]

- [LAUGHS]

- Hey, it doesn't matter what I sound like. I'm on from 3:00 to 5:00 Monday morning.

- And I'm awake.

- [INAUDIBLE]

- Nobody listens to 3:00 to 5:00 in the morning.

- That's 3:00 to 5:10 AM, Monday--

- Go ahead. Come on, Vince. Say it. Say it. Come on, say it.

- OK, OK. It's 3:00 to 5:10 AM, Monday morning. So right before the morning show with Garland Ganter and-- yeah, right after Type A-- I don't know-- right in there somewhere.

- No, the famous line. Come on, say it.

- Oh, boy, that's early isn't it?

- Yeah.

- There we go.

- Yes. Yes. Yes.

- Yeah, and it is early. I tell you. I think about that every Monday morning when I wake up.

- Well, let's not too early for our listeners to call in at 526-5738, 526-KPFT. And for those Splendora or Pearland or-- no, you can-- Pearland's not long-distance, is it?

- No, no. Pearland's local.

- But Splendora--

- It's local on the phone anyway.

- --and Winnie and all of those good folks out there, we've got an 800 number, 1-800-333-5738. We'll pick up the tab for that phone call if you want to make a pledge. Let's--

- And if you don't want Goober down at the gas station to know that you gave money to *After Hours*, that is not a problem. We will keep it anonymous. We'll spray-paint your name on the Astrodome if you want everybody to know, whatever you want to do. Just give us a call and we're taking pledges in. Absolutely any amount.

We don't care, \$1, \$1 million, however you want to do it. We'll bill you \$487,000 a day for the next 35 years.

- We certainly will.

- You bet. You bet. Of course, we accept Mastercard, Visa, American Express, and the Optima card. And you can save money. If you use the Optima card.

- How does that work?

- Well, because I think the Optima cards got a lower interest rate. You'll pay it off at the end of the month, so you won't pay any interest. And you save even more money.

- You bet.

- You can save so much money. You could retire.

- Whoa.

- Well, unless you already are retired.

- We're going to have to retire and start up the news here, so. I hear a phone ringing. That sounds good to me.

- We have a phone ringing.

- --the phone or whatever. KPFT, can I take your pledge?

- Good. I heard that. Can I take your pledge? That's music to my ears.

- Pledge is coming in as we speak. We still have 18 volunteers just doing nothing.

- Good. Well, not good. We need them busy.
- No, not good, not good, 526-5738, 1-800-333-5738.
- OK, we're going to go to the news now.
- Thanks, Vince.
- Thank you very much.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

And this is *After Words* with Jimmy. Frank can't be here this week. We're real sorry about that because we could use him. But he's got other fish to fry tonight and really could not be here, really could not be here. So I'm going to try to fill in for him as best I can.

Later on, we've got Rob Bridges who wants to talk about things coming up for you. But for right now, I've got a few things. You might want to get a pencil and paper. I've got some phone numbers you might want to be interested in.

First of all, something very, very important is coming up this week Wednesday. It is the election of President for GLPC. There's a lot of important stuff going on with GLPC this year. The old president Larry Lingle had to step down or voluntarily stepped down, so we've got two people who have applied to fill his place.

First of all, we've got Tony Knight. And let's see, both of these-- Tony Knight and Ray Hill both. And I've got some of their election letters that came in the mail

I want to start with Tony. She's been on the show a couple of times. So a lot of you may not recognize her, but she's been the volunteer of the year 1989 for Gay, Lesbian Pride Week, a volunteer for Ann Richards for governor campaign, 1990. Delegate to the Senate district and state Democratic conventions, 1990, and on the Ann Richards Inaugural Committee, 1991.

She says, I believe fervently in keeping the lines of communication open with all persons-- though a little tricky at times-- and to encourage inclusiveness and participation. Also, the discrimination against men and women due to sexual preference, race, gender, or health is nothing less than inhumane and barbaric. And Ray, those of you who've been in or have been in this town or know anything about the gay community will know the name of Ray Hill since the 1960s, Ray has been the one who will jump in there when all else fails. He's the one that's saved our butts many times in many different ways from the Pride committee to GLPC to whatever the group happened to be at the moment.

I almost don't have to say anything but-- and Ray Hill is running. But Ray-- in his campaign, material is looking for a seamless transition, short meetings that begin on time, a fair and impartial forum, and higher visibility for the Caucus. He's also wants to propose a greater level of cooperation with other minority groups and civic organizations. And the fact the civilian review panel for police violence and projects to beautify the city and improve the quality of life in Montrose.

He also says-- and I have to agree the most important effort for the caucus is the now attainable Montrose City Council district. I think we'll have somebody else talking about that in a little bit. But the most important thing is to be there at the Multipurpose Center, Wednesday night, at 8 o'clock. Let them know.

Wait a minute. Wait a minute. Wait a minute. Where is it?

- 7 o'clock.

- 7 o'clock. Thank you, Rob. Anyone who is a member of GLPC needs to be there. You can join if you want to. However-- and it would be a good idea if you did.

However, the rules state you have to be a member for 30 days in order to vote. But anyone who is a member needs to be there. That's like the most important date you will have this week.

Other news-- and this comes from the TWIT, This Week In Texas-- plan set for Houston Gay Lesbian Pride Week '91-- the parade committee of the Houston Gay Lesbian Pride Week '91 is now accepting entries for the June 23, 1991 parade. That's right, June 23rd. Mark that on your calendars because that's the parade date.

The entry deadline is June 11th. This year's parade theme feels the music is meant to encourage entrants to use music in their floats or in their entries. Motorized, nonmotorized, and walking units are being accepted. In other pride week news, the pride guide is now accepting advertising for this year's publication.

The guide will contain a schedule of events, the parade route, a resource guide, and articles of interest to the community. Deadline for inclusion in the guide is May 28th. For advertising rates and sizes, call the Pride line at 523-5263. Pride week merchandise is also available by mail order and at select outlets. And I believe that's like Lobo and *TWT*, TNT shirts, and maybe even Inklings.

However, you can get those by mail. And if you want more information on that, call the Pride line at 523-5263.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

Out challenges homophobia with gay and lesbian art. DiverseWorks art space is presenting *Out-- Voices from a Queer Nation*, which is an exhibit of artwork by lesbian and gay artists in Texas. Presentations by performance artists and readings by local writers will also be held in conjunction with the exhibit. Organizer explained that the focus of the out exhibit is homophobia as experienced, viewed, and critiqued by its targets, lesbian and gay people.

The artwork in the exhibit will serve as a direct challenge to homophobia as experienced in employment, health care, family issues, AIDS discrimination, and the media. The exhibit runs from May 12th through June 16th at DiverseWorks, located at 1117 East Freeway. For additional information about the out exhibit, contact Michael Peranteau at 223-8346.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

Another meeting you don't want to miss is the Queer Nation. Yeah, they're meeting on Tuesday, May the 14, at the Montrose Palace. That's at Nevada and Commonwealth. And their meeting starts at 7:00-ish.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

Sunday is Mother's Day. You're going to need a good laugh. So why don't you-- this is the advertisement, folks. It's not an editorial.

So Nancy Ford, local comedian, is doing a musical comedy at Missouri Street Station, Sunday, May the 12th, at 7:00 PM, at Missouri Street and Yoakum. Also, Cindy Friedman, which you may recall if you listened to KPFT during the day-- she does the 1:00 to 3:00 show on Wednesdays-- she'll be singing and celebrating on Thursday, May 23rd, at McGonigel's Mucky Duck Yes, that's the name of it, 8:30 until whenever. That's at 2425 Norfolk.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

Have you been victimized by the police? Come to a public forum on the civilian review board, May 17, 1991, at 7 o'clock, at the Multi-Service Center, 1475 West Gray. Guest speakers include Ada Edwards, J. Don Boney, Ray Hill, Deloyd Parker, Cassandra Thomas, Rick Lowe, Lenwood Johnson, and others. Your life may depend on it. For more information, call 521-0629.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

And now, you've heard the Colt 45s on this show, and I want to focus on all of the fundraisers going on for them this weekend. On Sunday, May the 12th, that's Mother's Day. Mary's, the national bar of Texas, presents the annual Mother of Montrose Contest. They call that the MOM Contest. Mother of Montrose, get it? Oh, well.

At 5 o'clock PM, the emcees will be MOM '88, Brucella DeVall, and Mom '87, Pickles Polanski. Yes, the very famous Pickles Polanski. With a special appearance by the Dancing Dildos. Tips the contestants-- hey, I'm just reading it, folks. Tips the contestants receive will benefit the Colt 45s AIDS Trouble Fund.

Nonperishable food items and toiletries are greatly appreciated for the Stone Soup pantry as well. Yeah, it's kind of funny. It's kind of corny. It's kind of strange, but they're raising money for good causes. And if you remember the Colt 45 show, you know that's right.

And on Thursday, May 16th, at 9 o'clock, at the BRB is the buns contest with emcee Brucella DeVall again and sponsored by Nevada, candidate for Miss TGRA '92. This is a benefit for the Colt 45's general charity fund. And if you want to come a little bit early, BRB has burgers from 7:00 to 9:00 PM.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

Well, I wasn't expecting that music. That just kind crept up on me. But this isn't editorial. Doesn't it seem a little strange that you always hear about the same bars doing all these fundraisers for the Colt 45s and other good causes like Mary's, the BRB, EJ's, Venture in? End of editorial.

And now, the weather from the *After Hours* weather bimboette. Yes, and she can't talk tonight either. Well, we have 78 degrees in Galveston, and it's going to be cloudy and foggy with a low of 75 this evening. Tomorrow we have a 20% chance of rain, and it will be in the low 80s. And right now in big old Montrose, it's 81 degrees.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

OK. And I hear Buddy's going to be calling in in a couple of minutes. So we're going to kind of hang on and wait for that show-- for that call. Well, it will be a show. In the meantime, have you called in with your pledge of support to *After Hours* yet?

You know the number, 526-5738, 526-KPFT. Mike, you're too quiet.

- I'm just overwhelmed by the news broadcasts.

- Hey, I had to kind of do it on the spur of the moment.

- No, you were just wonderful.

- [LAUGHS]

- What can I say?

- Well, it's kind of my version. And I really like Frank's-- the way Frank does the news. And I mean, he puts a lot of thought into it. And mine was just kind of a quickie, and I added a few things. I always like to try to get in.

- Well, I liked it.

- Well, thank you.

- You're welcome. And if you liked it--

- Haha.

- Haha.

- Great segue.

- If you liked it, if you appreciated Jimmy jumping in at the last second and doing the news tonight so you would know what's going on in the Montrose and around town, give us a call here at 526-5738. Jimmy's done the talking now. It's your turn to do the talking. Talk to one of our volunteers for about a minute and a half.

They'll take your name, address, phone number, how much you want to pledge, and how you want to pay it, any comments you have, and that will be it. Jimmy, stop it.

- OK. Well, maybe there's other personal information that those two want to talk about, and that's fine, too, because I've just been through the lobby a few minutes ago. And there are just some very stunning and alluring men out there.

- Even more than last week.

- Yes. Oh, it makes me nervous. Stanley's out of town, so.

- Oh.

- OK, Buddy. Any time now. We're waiting. Why don't we go to the lobby and see if we have anybody to thank?

- That's a good idea. Vince, are you there?

- Yes, I'm here, and we do have some people to thank.

- Great.

- What? Oh, let me see here. Chris and Dan and another Chris, maybe a different Chris or-- yeah, a different Chris. And we're like-- what do we have here? I want to see something here.

We have 1, 2, 3-- I don't believe it. I don't believe it. Out of five pledges, four of them are new listeners at KPFT.

- Hey.

- All right.

- All right.

- How about that?

- Thank you for--
 - We really appreciate that.
 - So where are the old listeners?
 - Well--
 - You've been listening for three years. Where are you?
 - At any rate, we have like 100 and like some bucks or something. What do we got here? 175, that's right. We have \$175.
 - OK.
 - And so what we--
 - Do we have a goal tonight?
 - Yes, we do. And--
 - Does anybody know what it is?
 - Is it awful?
 - Yeah, yeah. Well, no, it's not awful. See, this is one thing-- we've been on the air for-- I don't know. I don't know. I don't know,
 - An hour and a half.
 - An hour and a half. And we should have hit this goal in like 30 minutes.
 - Almost.
 - As many people as out there listening right now, if 1/16 of the audience got up and called right now, we would have five times our goal. But people want to re-- for some reason, they want to remain quiet. They want to believe that there's nobody else out there.
 - Well, they say 1 in 10 listeners picks up that phone and calls KPFT and gives a pledge.
 - That can't possibly be true.
 - Now you know--
 - --1 in 10 listeners called in, we'd have \$8,000.
 - In the general population, 1 in 10 happens to be gay or lesbian, so that's 10% of 10%, huh?
 - OK, OK. Then maybe we're back to 800. I don't know. At any rate, I'm pretty hacked off, and we need some calls.
- We need to raise-- I don't know-- \$400 million before 4:00 in the morning.
- That's what I was afraid of.
 - And so--

- And Buddy isn't here. And do you know-- if he gets back and we haven't reached our goal, he is just going to be the last bitch. And any regular caller knows that. I may have to play hooky next week.

- So we've got one pledge coming in. We've got four or five volunteers just sitting around doing nothing basically, waiting on your phone call. It'll take what? A minute and a half, Mike said, maybe two minutes.

- Unless you like the voice and want to talk to him longer. Hey, not a problem.

- Then you could talk to him till 6:00 in the morning. You can just send in your pledge. You can come by and pay your pledge. If you come in and pay it in person in the next couple of weeks, we'll give you a bonus CD or tape or whatever you want, ceiling fans, light fixtures. I don't care.

We can bill you. You can put it on your little plastic money weapon thing and never even notice. Without even affecting your lifestyle at all, you can help keep KPFT on the air. Those guys down there at American Excess would just love to just finance that baby out for 15 years, and you would never notice.

- I know. I know and--

- You can just do anything you would like. I mean--

- And hey, what did we say? If they come up with how many bucks, they get the complete discography of Romanovsky and Phillips.

- 90 bucks.

- 90 bucks.

- 90 bucks. You can have every album Romanovsky and Phillips have ever put out.

- That's right.

- And we're talking hits. We're talking hits. I was checking out some song titles here.

- Yeah?

- What did I find here?

- I'm afraid to ask.

- Oh. Well, there's nothing really--

- "The Prince Charming Tango" is like the first--

- Oh, we have--

- Great Big One.

- The--

- "What Kind of Self-Respecting Faggot Am I?"

- Hey, you stole my fire. I was just fixing to read that one off.

- I thought I-- "Straightening Up the House."

- Yeah. "Straightening Up the House," "The Answering Machine Song."

- Oh, that's funny.

- "Don't Use Your Penis, For A Brain."

- That's right.

- Oh, what do we have over here?

- But we do. We know we do.

- Oh, "Give Me a Homosexual," which, of course, anybody who has ever listened to *After Hours* has heard.

- You betcha.

- Oh, just all kind of really interesting little songs here. And we're not selling your records. You can go buy these records without giving money to KPFT. But you can give money to KPFT, and we're just going to give you these records. Every time you listen to those records, you can think about the fact that there's people that are down here every week, every day.

There's plenty of behind-the-scenes work to be done. There's people down here working. They're not getting paid. I mean, we're not paying Jimmy \$85 an hour. You can bet on that.

- Uh-uh, honey.

- When was the last time Jimmy got a paycheck that said KPFT on it?

- Like never. Like I make it a cup of coffee when I come in.

- [LAUGHS] If you make it yourself--

- Yeah, if you make it yourself and bring a cup.

- [LAUGHS]

- We're not stuffing our wallets here, folks. We're paying the light bill. And we really need your money, 526-5738, 526-KPFT. Where are we? Oh, we also have a couple of Tom Wilson albums for \$70.

You can have both of the titles we have from Tom Wilson. You can have-- we got CDs. We've got soccer balls. Actually, I think we have leftover from this afternoon, a really cool straw hat handmade in Honduras, I believe, really nice donated by Pueblo to people, handcrafted stuff, just beautiful.

We have pledges just coming out our ears.

- OK. And to give you incentive on that \$90 pledge, we're going to go to a Romanovsky and Phillips number just right now. Hit it, Mike.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

Thank you, Vince.

- Thank you.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

- Somewhere in Des Moines or San Antonio, there's a young gay person, who all of a sudden realizes that she or he is gay, knows that if the parents find out, they'll be tossed out of the house. The classmates would taunt the child, and the Anita Bryant's and John Briggs are doing their bit on TV. And that child had several options, staying in the closet; suicide.

And then one day that child might open a paper that says Homosexual Elected in San Francisco. And there are two new options. The option is to go to California--

[LAUGHTER]

[APPLAUSE]

--and stay in San Antonio and fight. Two days after I was elected, I got a phone call, and the voice was quite young. It was from Altoona, Pennsylvania. And the person said, thanks. And you've got to let gay people so that that young child and the thousands upon thousands like that child know that there's hope for a better world.

There's hope for a better tomorrow. Without hope, not only gays but those Blacks, and the Asians, the disabled, seniors, the us-es. The us-es. Without hope, the us-es give up. I know that you cannot live on hope alone. But without it, life is not worth living. And you and you and you got to give them hope.

Thank you very much.

- OK.

- Are you there?

- Yeah.

- You're playing, right?

- Yeah.

- How are you, baby?

- Great. How are you?

- Oh, I'm tired.

- Yeah?

- And, of course, this is 90.1 FM KPFT Houston.

- It is on this end.

- Well, on this end, it's St. Petersburg beach. We're standing on the beach in St. Petersburg, Florida. It's been a beautiful week. I understand you're asking for money

- Yeah, it's Marathon.

- Have the phone's been ringing?

- Well, not as much as we'd like. I warned them. I said, if we don't get our goal, you're just going to come back to Houston and be the last bitch.

- It's real funny, Jimmy. We've had a wonderful week in St. Petersburg in Orlando, and I picked up a paper in the bar tonight. We're staying at a guesthouse here off the beach in a women's bar that's really, really nice. And one of the big articles says Orlando to hold its first Gay Pride Parade.

- What?

- So the gay and lesbian community in Florida. Although they've been beaten and battered by people like Anita Bryant and the likes of those hate-filled people who don't like us, they're still gathering enough strength to get together to have one parade, their very first parade here, 21 years after Stonewall.

- That's amazing. I just took it for granted that they've been having parades.

- Last year, we talked about Oklahoma City and how they were having their first parade. So all across the country now gay and lesbian people are coming together and working together to make changes. And it amazes me to hear you say that the phones haven't been ringing because we've been on the air for almost four years now.

- Yeah?

- That hope that Harvey was talking about to a lot of people just like you that's listening. And you know that we do. And I don't know why we have to say call because you should just pick up the phone and call. If you could just stop for a second and realize how fortunate we are to be able to turn on the radio and hear something like this.

- Absolutely. At every Marathon, I get idealistic, and I think we just have to open the show and say, OK, it's Marathon. Call. And then just go on with the show and never have to say another word about it.

But it just doesn't work out that way.

- Well, we stayed at the Parliament House in Orlando the week that we were up there this past week to go to Disney World. That's probably the most famous gay resort in Florida. It's just wall-to-wall men. And it's just a wonderful place to be. But I was still amazed at the men that were there that thought that was it to the gay lifestyle.

- Just the sex part, right?

- They could come there and actually come there together. You know what I mean? You know what I mean?

- Yeah. Oh, yeah.

- And they don't realize-- I talked to one kid that was there from Chicago, and he was talking about how wonderful it was and how much he wanted to be in Florida. And I thought, well, child, if you moved to Florida, you would have the Parliament House, but you wouldn't have anything else.

- That's exactly right.

- You would have no Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus. You would have no openly gay officials elected in our legislature like we do in Glen Maxey. You'd have no gay and lesbian radio to listen to. You would just have the same old thing that we have had and continue to have in Houston. And that is the bars.

And the bars and the bookstores. And not that we knocked that, but you know what I'm talking about. You would not have that hope that things are going to get better. I guess if I would call and say anything, I'd call and ask you to think about what you're listening to.

Think about that this is a radio show that went on the air in September of 1987, almost four years before Glen Maxey was elected openly gay to the legislature. We were on the air screaming for gay and lesbian rights. The radio station that brought you five hours of the march on Washington live from Washington, DC in 1987 when no other broadcast media in this country would touch it.

CNN, CBS, NBC, ABC, no one else would broadcast it. Pacifica was there and brought it to you. And because of Pacifica and all the work they've done over the last 40 years plus the world will bring you things like that little speech you just heard from Harvey Milk. And we're able to bring you things like "Rock Lobster" that we listened to a couple of weeks ago.

So if you don't do anything, today is the day, and now is the time, I guess, to pick up the phone and call and make a pledge. And you know the number. It's 526-4000 or 526-KPFT. Do it for the kids that are here that are never going to get the chance to hear this show and enjoy all the wonderful things we do. I guess if that's anything-- and Jimmy, you can say the same thing about being away, on vacation, or just being away from *After Hours* because you realized how much you missed it.

- I know. We've often talked that when I'm out of town during a show, I just have this feeling Saturday night comes in. Midnight hits. And I feel like I'm in the wrong place. I'm supposed to be in Houston in that radio station, saying, we're here, and we're queer. And bringing gay and lesbian radio to the Houston metropolitan area.

- One of these days, we will be able to go on the air and say, call now, and the phones will ring. And we won't have to worry about it. But for now, we'll ask you. You're the one we're talking to to go to the phone and pick it up and call and say, yeah, you're right. I listen to you guys every week.

I laugh with you, and I cry with you. And I just want to do my part. And my part is making a pledge of whatever amount you can. They got some wonderful premiums. I haven't seen the T-shirts, but they say they're great.

- Oh, they're really great.

- I wish I had one down here in Florida. In fact, I wore the KPFT World Harmony T-shirt to the Epcot Center this past week.

- Oh, yeah?

- And it was the biggest hit there, I think, because of the world and the conductor.

- Yeah. Every time I think they've hit on the best T-shirt design possible, they come up with another one.

- Well, how much money have we got out there, girl?

- The last time I checked with Vince we were up to \$175.

- OK.

- And here it's almost quarter of two.

- How much do you have to raise?
- Around 1,000.
- Have you got some good premiums?
- We have got great premiums plus--
- Got any extra premiums?
- We've got-- in fact, Barbara came down with Romanovsky and Phillips' records, the complete set that we're offering for a \$90 pledge.
- Those are CDs, right?
- No, no, those are the records. She's got one CD, I believe, of each one. And we've got-- of course, you know that if you pay in advance or if you pay by credit card or come in and pay, you have your choice of anything in the room of-- what do they call it up there?
- A fun premium?
- Yes. A fun premium if you pay in person.
- Are you ready, Mary?
- Yeah?
- I have four condoms from the Parliament House.
- [LAUGHS]
- But it's still in the box.
- Well, I hope so.
- [LAUGHS]
- [LAUGHS]
- I also have a Disney Dollar, which is an official dollar of Walt Disney World that you can use as regular currency.
- Oh, I've seen those. They're really great.
- I mean, we could do like a condom from the Parliament House and a Disney Dollar or a pledge of something. So if you want to do that, let's do that.
- You bet. You bet.
- I only have four. They're only four.
- Only four condoms?

- Yeah.
- How about Disney Dollars?
- Only four, one for each.
- OK.
- I mean, the rest of them we use, girl.
- I'll bet.
- [LAUGHS]
- [LAUGHS] Are you talking about the dollars?
- Oh, Mary.
- [LAUGHS]
- I'll tell you later when we're not on the air.
- OK.
- [INAUDIBLE] is like-- you know that song.
- Uh-huh.
- 526-4000 and 526-KPFT. The next four pledges get the official Parliament House condom.
- Condom.
- No, not a condo in Florida--
- No, no, no, no, no, no, no, no.
- A Disney Dollar, which I will bring back with me.
- Great.
- OK?
- OK, the next four. The next four pledgers get it.
- 526-4000 or 526-KPFT. [INAUDIBLE] Like every year we take Visa and Mastercard.
- Oh, yeah. You bet.
- How is everything else going?
- Everything's great.
- Good. What are we doing next week, girl?

- I'm probably going to take a night off. I don't know. [LAUGHS] I am glad you're having a great vacation, but I will be very happy when you come back.

- [LAUGHS] OK, what are we doing next week? Don't scare me. Who's going to be there? Anybody?

- No.

- Oh, good. We'll just show my home movies from Florida.

- Great, great. And if you have any slides, won't that be great to show slides on the next--

- Will do.

- Yeah, that'd be terrific.

- [INAUDIBLE] Universal Studios and at Walt Disney World, the three parks there. There are beautiful pictures along the beach. It's just incredibly beautiful down here. The sun is shining and--

- Right now?

- Not right now, girl. I've been out to the bars and--

- Other things are shining.

- Tampa and St. Pete. We stayed at two of the most wonderful gay guesthouses-- gay and lesbian guesthouses here in Tampa and St. Petersburg that I'll tell you about next week.

- OK. Boy, I can't wait to hear all about it.

- Have we got pledges to pick up these condoms and Disney Dollars?

- I'm going to check in a little bit.

- OK. Well, just keep the calls coming in, and I'll see you next week.

- OK.

- OK, baby.

- Thanks for calling.

- 526-4000 or 526-KPFT. Bye. I got to go.

- OK, bye.

- Bye.

- Good song to follow up that conversation with Buddy. "There's Got to Be a Way," Mariah Carey. I think it's kind of funny that I've heard a couple of stations in the past few weeks talk about oh, we've got this new song by Mariah Carey that, of course, we've been playing on *After Hours* for the past six months. [SIGHS]

Anyway, we do have with us Mr. Rob Bridges, vice president of Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus, because he's got something really hot to tell you about, very important. So put on them rabbit ears and listen, listen up.

- All right, Jimmy. Thanks for having me on the show.

- You bet, Rob.

- I was in last week talking about the redistricting process that the city's going through. The GLPC has been very active in the whole process. And this week, it all comes to a head. Those of you who may have seen the Sunday paper, the Early Edition, the city has published the map of all the new districts that have been drawn under the 16 district plan.

And I was inspired and reminded before when you played that Harvey Milk cart about the boy from Des Moines and how important it is for us to elect gay people to public office, not only for direct benefits that are derived by the community, but the symbolic value of giving hope to people in our community. There will be a better day.

The GLPC during this process of redistricting submitted a plan to the City Council to create a Montrose-based council district. And this district would present a real opportunity for an openly gay or lesbian person to run for and win a seat on the Houston City Council. The mayor and City Council will be finalizing the redistricting map this week. And we need your help to make this opportunity a reality.

One of the disappointing things was that when they released this new map of the city under the 16 district plan, there were new districts drawn to give the African American community new elective opportunities. There were new districts drawn to give the Hispanic community new elective opportunities. There was a district drawn to give the Asian community an elective opportunity.

And the only minority group that came to City Council and petitioned for a new council district and did not get one was Houston's gay community.

- What can we do about that? Is there anything?

- Well, this week, and this week only, the City Council is hearing public testimony for input to make any changes to this map before they draw the final version and send it to the Justice Department for preclearance. If you make your voice heard, there is still a chance, a rather good chance, if we appear loud and strong and clear that we must have this district. And how important it is to our community, they will include it. But not if they don't hear from us. What we're suggesting at the Caucus is that there are three things that you can do to help make this a reality.

One thing that can be done is to call the mayor's office. Get your pens and pencils ready, ladies and gentlemen. The number is 247-2200. Leave a message with the mayor's appointment secretary to let her know that you support creating a new Montrose-based council district. The mayor's office will be counting calls this week relating to redistricting.

The more calls that we make, the closer we get to having a district.

- What's that number again?

- 247--

- Wait a minute. I've got to write this down. 247--

- 2200.

- --2200. OK.

- The second thing you can do is write a letter to the mayor. An official letter from a neighborhood group, a civic association, or a community organization has even more impact. In your letter, be sure to cover three points. Thank her for the Council's commitment to enhanced representation. Thank her and the Council for supporting the 1661 plan.

And let her know that you or your group fully support the Montrose-based council district as proposed by the GLPC. And you'll need to send your letter to Kathryn J. Whitmire, mayor. The address is post office box 1562 Houston, Texas 77251. Or if you're really motivated, you can hand deliver it to the third floor of City Hall and make sure that letter arrives by Friday, May 17th.

We'll announce that address again before wrapping up here.

- OK.

- The third thing that you can do is to participate in the public hearings being held this week. Those public hearings will take place Tuesday, May 14th, at 1:30 PM, and Thursday, May 16th, at 7 o'clock PM. Both meetings will take place at the second floor of City Hall in Council Chambers. Please come to one or both of these meetings to show your support for the Council district. If you wish to testify at the hearing, you need to call the city secretary's office to reserve time.

That number is 247-1840.

- 1840.

- And the GLPC will be having an orientation session in the second floor lobby one half hour before each public hearing to make sure that everyone is fully informed on how to testify and assist them with preparing for that testimony.

- OK, what do you mean by testify?

- OK. Members of the public will be given a choice of one minute, two minutes, or three minutes to speak directly to the full Council. When they call your name, you step up to the microphone and tell them what's on your mind. And what's on your mind will be that they need to create a new Montrose-based council district to give an elective opportunity to this community so we can more fully participate in the elective process and stop being shut out of municipal politics.

Also, if you're interested in participating in the testimony process at these public hearings, you can show up Wednesday evening at the GLPC general meeting at the Metropolitan Service Center on West Gray after we hold the election for the new president of the Caucus. The other item of business will be to discuss strategy for helping to bring this council district to be a reality.

So at that meeting, even if you're not a member or you're a new member and will not be participating in the presidential election, it's very important that you show up so that you can find out how we can best move forward with this process to get a new council district to elect an openly gay and lesbian person to City Council so we can get some benefits for this community so we can get some city services so that we can get better cooperation between the City Health Department and the County Health Department, who are constantly making excuses as to why they cannot provide better service to the indigent people in this city, who are suffering from AIDS.

If you have any further questions, you can also contact the GLPC redistricting committee at 520-6039. Again, that address if you wish to write to the mayor voicing your opinion, you need to write to Kathryn J. Whitmire, mayor, PO box 1562 Houston, Texas. The zip is 77251. Please get involved in this process this week and help to create a district which will have an impact on our community for the next 15 years.

Call the mayor's office, write a letter, or come and testify. Thanks a lot for having me on the show.

- You're not finished.

- Oh, I'm not done yet.

- No, you're not done yet.

- OK.

- I want you to sit tight because we do need to remind people that this is Marathon. I've got some questions for you.

- Oh, great. OK.

- We need to remind people that it's Marathon, and they need to call in with their pledge of support at 526-5738, 526-KPFT. You know what *After Hours* is about. It's news. It's interviews. It's this right now, what you've just heard with Rob Bridges.

Where else are you going to hear this important kind of stuff? Nowhere.

- Jimmy, you know what really struck me? Listening to Buddy on the telephone, you forget that everywhere else in the country, we don't have this.

- Isn't it amazing?

- It's so easy. I mean, it sounds like a cliché. Well, it's so easy to take it for granted. But stop and think about that. It is.

It's easy to take this program and the other gay and lesbian programs on KPFT. It's easy to take them for granted. Like everybody's got them.

- No--

- Everybody doesn't got them.

- --they don't. There's only five Pacifica stations. Only. Only. We've got what? Berkeley, LA.

We've got New York. We've got Washington, DC and Houston.

- Right. In the middle of the country, Houston.

- Yeah. And I know we've got 100,000 watts, and we go out pretty far. And we've got some people. We've got special antennas in Lufkin who can pick us up. And on clear nights, they might be able to pick us up in Austin. But that's not all the time.

The people who can hear my voice right now, you are the lucky people who get to hear this show. You get to know that you are not alone. You get to know that there is gay and lesbian music, that there are gay and lesbian groups of all kinds and descriptions because you hear them interviewed right here on this show. You get to hear-- [AUDIO OUT]