

**WOMAN:** To know you are, just to walk out and turn my back on it and have nothing and no one. That was a lot of years that I had invested. And so you can do what you have to do.

**BRUCE:** Right. OK, well that's, I guess, the basic story in a nutshell of what was going on in your relationship. And that relationship lasted how long?

**WOMAN:** Almost nine years.

**BRUCE:** Nine years, nine years. That's a long time. So what precipitated your finally getting out of this relationship?

**WOMAN:** Well, through the church we were going to, I got involved-- we were going to get involved in a community project. And it turned out that because of her schooling, she couldn't get as involved as she had originally wanted to. But I did. And I got very involved in it.

Through this project, I met a lot of people and worked very closely with them. And we became friends. And these were friends that-- new friends that didn't know her, necessarily. I mean they knew her, because she did come to some of the meetings. And she did do some for the project. But they me knew first, I guess is what I'm trying to say.

And I don't know, I think-- because of my involvement with these people and the lack of involvement with her on the side, I became a stronger person through these people. And realized that everybody doesn't live this way. And that there's no reason they have to live that way.

And got through the project with some problems at home because of the long hours and the time I was putting into it. It was taking away from my time with her. And this was a very sore spot. And as a result, she more or less dropped out of the project altogether. But by the end of the project, I had met and became very close to several people.

And my strength, I guess, was gathered as this strength at home was going by the wayside, so to speak. And I realized during the project that things had to change. That I wasn't going to live like that anymore. I couldn't live like that anymore. And it came down to a choice after the project of living like that, not living like that, and not living at all.

And I couldn't figure out, at that point, which was best. There were a couple of people in particular that I'd become very close to. And through the project, had more or less come to lean on. And I saw this one person in particular a couple of times after the project. And we talked a little bit. And I think that's what gave me strength to finally leave home.

When I did finally leave, it was a very difficult decision to make, in spite of everything. And I wasn't sure that I had the strength to carry through.

**BRUCE:** You just mentioned the three options that you saw. I don't know how long you were in the project. And obviously, suicide was one of those. Had you thought about suicide prior to that? Had that--

**WOMAN:** Yeah, I guess that's one of those things that goes through your mind once in a while. I had, in fact, attempted suicide at one point in the relationship. I'm not really sure how to say this. But maybe I just wasn't educated on the subject at the time, because I really did a lousy job of it, obviously.

But she was very pleased with it. She was at home when it happened. And it actually made her feel good, I think, would be a good way to describe it.

**BRUCE:** Did she look it up, or?

**WOMAN:** I'm not sure if it's because I messed it up, because she thought that maybe she was important enough that I would--

**BRUCE:** Kill yourself for her, or over her.

**WOMAN:** Over her, yeah. But it was a matter of dousing a little alcohol on it and wrapping it up. I mean, I had tried to cut my wrists. And like I said, I didn't do a real good job at the time. But that's another story.

After I left home, or likely before I left home, I thought about it as an alternative. And then I thought about this other person who had come into my life, too. And he's a very strong person, and a very loving person, and a real lover of life. And I thought if I could talk to him a little bit, that maybe there were other alternatives.

And I did just that. I called him in the middle of the night one night. And I went over to his house. And we did talk for a while. And I think it was really at that point that I decided that the alternative was to leave home, not to do anything else. And in fact, had been told that if I wanted to, I could come stay with him for a while. Which is exactly what I did.

It's been a long road. And I've got a long ways to go. But actually, it was because of him that I've come this far, and probably because of him that I'll continue.

**BRUCE:** Good. I know we've talked about your story already. And I know you told me that really the beginnings of the problems, almost, I mean, obviously, the abuse was in the relationship. But dealing with the abuse and, I tell you, moving out was obviously a very big step and the very first step, but it was really only the beginning. Can we go into your story of once you were outside the relationship again how things progressed?

**WOMAN:** Yeah. (LAUGHS) It was a long time before I realized I was outside of the relationship. I mean, on a daily basis, I would consider suicide again. It was still a real viable option at that time.

**BRUCE:** What was keeping this irritated warm?

**WOMAN:** I was constantly bombarded by phone calls and little harassment note left in my car. And my car would be moved at work. In the parking lot at work, I would leave it in one place in the morning. And in the afternoon, I could spend anywhere from 5 to 35, 40 minutes looking for it on the two acre lot, trying to figure out where it was parked.

I was threatened. My life was threatened. I think the big thing, still, was it wasn't so much that I was going along with myths. It was don't tell the secrets. And it's a fear. I mean, I realize now that if I feared telling the secrets so much, then she must fear having the secrets told even more.

And I guess, a long relationship like that, you don't just walk away from it and completely forget the other person's feelings, no matter what those feelings are.

**BRUCE:** That's true.

**WOMAN:** So in spite of, or because of, or whatever, the harassment and the constant turmoil in my life. And this is a person who has the capability of coming off like a sweet, wonderful, loving person and had done so for years, and even had me fooled to a certain degree, for many years, obviously.

But my family and all of our friends, it's just-- it's an impossible situation to try to tell somebody something and then have them think back on is this the same wonderful person I had coffee with yesterday. It's just-- so it's really a difficult thing. And I felt like even being away from the house for a long time, I was still going backwards. And could be sucked in at any moment, because there were times when I was ready to go back into that house and maybe just start things all over again. But I knew what it would mean if I did.

I guess my friend at that point would always step in and somehow, I never went back. And every day now, I get a little bit stronger. And know that I'm that much farther from wanting to go back.

**BRUCE:** Obviously things progressed even further. And you wound up finally seeking medical help to try to deal with these problems. How did that come about?

**WOMAN:** Well, once again, through my friend. I think it's probably a good possibility I had him scared to death. And rightfully so, he is a very perceptive person. But it's one of those, he had a friend who has a friend who has a friend type of things. He has a friend who works at Belle Park Hospital.

And apparently had called and talked about me. And his friend recommended the program at the hospital for me in the women's unit. It's a very intense program for abused women. And my friend didn't force me into it or do anything.

He asked me if I would at least investigate the possibility. And he took me out there. And we did look around and came back home, which I thought I would never do.

**BRUCE:** You thought he was just kind of leave you there?

**WOMAN:** Yeah, I really did. I thought that this was going to be the longest ride of my life to nowhere and that he was going to dump me there. And I'd never see the light of day again. And you have to remember, too, that I was in a pretty bad time back then. But we did tour the place.

And we came back home. And he basically told me it was my decision. And that he would abide by whatever I wanted to do. And the next morning, he took me back out there. And I checked myself in. It was a long 30 days.

I think partly, I went into the hospital because I knew that he wanted me to so badly. But by the end of the third day, I was in the hospital because I knew that I needed the help and that both were the right people. You have to remember, being a gay woman, or lesbian, or whatever you want to call me today, I felt like I was being thrown to the wolves.

I mean, you take me out into this strange area of town and dump me in this waiting room, locked up with a bunch of females, none of which are sympathetic to my lifestyle, and a bunch of doctors who probably aren't either. And it was-- it's a form of suicide, as far as I was concerned. I mean, nobody was going to understand my problems. And nobody was going to pay any attention to what I had to say.

And consequently, I was going to go out there and watch. Because I wasn't going to be able to say anything. If I told them I was gay, then they were going to all attack me. And if I didn't tell them I was gay, then I wasn't being honest. And I wasn't getting the help I needed. But I went in like on a weekend. And on the weekends, it's a very open program. And there's not really a lot of structured things going on.

And so by Monday, when I really started attending the sessions and things, I had decided that I was just going to jump in there with both feet. And people who didn't like my lifestyle could get over it. Because I was there for me. And it didn't take very long to figure out that it doesn't matter if the abuse comes from another female, or if it comes from a man, or if it comes from your father, the abuse is the same thing.

It actually comes from within. You tolerate it because you think you deserve it. And people band together. And all those women out there became very close friends very fast. Because we had the same problems. They may be different problems, but the solution was the same. And they were all very sympathetic to me, and I was to them, too.

And there were a lot of different people out there for a lot of different reasons. And they all came from different walks of life. And there were professionals out there. And there were prostitutes out there. And they were just plain old housewives out there. But we all had the same basic problem. And we were all working toward the same goal. And we still are.

**BRUCE:** Thanks for coming on the show with us this morning, Judy. We hope you'll stick around for a few more minutes. And maybe we can take some phone calls in a little bit.

**JUDY:** Thank you for having me.

**BRUCE:** All right, great.

[MUSIC - JANET ORENSTEIN, "THERE'S ALWAYS TOMORROW"] Ben's a 17-year-old who suffered abuse at the hands of his adopted mother's girlfriend at an early age. Can you tell us a little bit about your story, Ben?

**BEN:** Well, basically, I have the same-- just about the same thing happened to me as Judy. We were living in the same home. She's my adopted mother, of course. And I guess I was about seven or eight years old. And we moved in with--

**BRUCE:** OK, let's just start over. And we'll keep going. Joining us now is Ben. Joining us now is Ben, Ben's a 17-year-old-- joining us now is Ben. Ben's a 17-year-old who suffered abuse at the hands of his adopted mother's girlfriend at an earlier age. Ben, can you tell us a little bit about your story?

**BEN:** Well, basically, I went through just about the same thing that Judy did. She's my adoptive mother. And I don't know, it all started about when I was about seven or eight years old. And not knowing the person we were going to move in with, she asked-- Judy asked me if I'd like to move in with her, because we-- our family pet was leaving us, going to a better home.

And I decided yeah, let's do it. So we moved in. And shortly after that, before I knew what was going on, I was being beaten by this lady.

**BRUCE:** OK. Did the beatings seem to have any rhyme or reason behind them or just--

**BEN:** Tell you the truth, I was so young, I really wouldn't know what I would have to look for. So I don't know.

**BRUCE:** How did you feel? I mean, did you feel confused, or mad, or angry?

**BEN:** I was scared, to tell you the truth.

**BRUCE:** OK, and I guess that being scared made it-- would have made it hard to go to anyone and say, hey, this is happening to me, too. Wouldn't it?

**BEN:** I was afraid to go anywhere, go to anybody. That made it even worse.

**BRUCE:** How long did this go on?

**BEN:** Six years. I was also put in a boys camp for two years. And that didn't help me any at all. I don't know what the purpose of what it was.

**BRUCE:** OK, and you wound up getting out of your abusive, I guess, relationship with this woman. How? How did that come about?

**BEN:** Well, I was asked if I wanted to go either to see my mother for the summer or go see my aunt up in New Hampshire. I decided to go see my mom in Colorado, of course. And my adopted mother Judy called. We called her and asked her if she wanted for me for the summer. And she said, of course.

I got up there, and she called back later and said, this may turn out to be a permanent-- turn into a permanent visit. She said why is that? And my adopted mom said, I have a feeling that he's been thinking about running away from home or something. Well, she was right. And it did turn into a permanent visit for two years.

**BRUCE:** OK, you say you were thinking about running away from home. Do you know how long you had been thinking about that prior to visit to your mother's?

**BEN:** I don't know. I had been-- I considered it sometimes. But I really couldn't tell you when.

**BRUCE:** OK, and again, I guess there was that fear of what would happen if you got caught, or trying to run away, or--

**BEN:** Yeah, there was also the thing of where would I stay and what would I do.

**BRUCE:** Yeah, when all of this was going on, of course, you said you were afraid to say anything. Did you think your adopted mom knew all this was happening?

**BEN:** To tell you the truth, I really wouldn't know. She was going through basically the same thing I was.

**BRUCE:** Were you aware she was going through that same?

**BEN:** Not really. But now I realize that, yeah.

**BRUCE:** You said there was a lot of physical abuse. Was there any other abuse? I mean, was there a lot of verbal abuse?

**BEN:** Yeah, there was. I was always getting cussed out and-- Oh sometimes, I was given a time limit. I don't know if I've mentioned this yet. But sometimes, I was given a time limit for 15 or 30 minutes to clean up a room, or do the dishes, or clean out the-- clean up the yard, or whatever. And if I didn't have it done by then, I would-- she would beat me, sometimes, 15 or 30 minutes-- every 15 and 30 minutes, or less, or more.

**BRUCE:** It's hard to believe. But I know it happens. Obviously, I guess, this had to have been very traumatic to you as a child. How do you feel about it now?

**BEN:** I really look back on the situation and say, it's in the past. I'm not--

**BRUCE:** Kind of like a bad dream?

**BEN:** Yeah, basically. Yeah, it's in the past. I really don't worry about it anymore.

**BRUCE:** Oh, that's good. Do you think that's affected your outlook on life any?

**BEN:** Maybe a little bit, but not much. I'm still changing gradually. But I really don't know.

**BRUCE:** OK, and you're back living with your adopted mom-- well, I guess you're living with your grandparents right now.

**BEN:** Yeah. I'm still getting to know my adoptive mother right now.

**BRUCE:** Well, that's good.

**BEN:** Because she's still estranged also.

**BRUCE:** OK, well thank you for coming on with us this morning. And we'll have you stick around for a few minutes. And we'll probably take some phone calls or something in just a few minutes. You're listening to After Hours on KPFT 90.1 FM Houston.

[MUSIC - LINDY CALDWELL, "SATIN CURTAINS"]

**BRUCE:** Hi, we're back now. And we have Judy, and Larry, and Ben almost live with us here. We're taking calls if anyone wants to talk to any of us, 526-4000. Again, one of the main points of tonight's show was abuse. The fact that we're all abused in every day of our life. It's part of our life history, unfortunately.

We're getting a little feedback in our room. But we want everyone to realize that even though we're in abusive relationships, it's not something that we have to put up with. It's something that you can change. And everyone that's in an abusive relationship that needs to get out of one will say, my story is different than that. You don't understand what's going on. My story is different.

Well, maybe it's a little different. But the bottom line, and I think everyone here all agree with me is it's really not.

**LARRY:** No, I think I agree that there are all different forms of abuse. And you have to find a way to find some self-worth. So that you can start seeking solutions.

**JUDY:** Well, people have a tendency to believe that unless you're beat up on a daily basis, you're not abused. But I mean, they don't stop to think about the fact that if someone shakes a finger in your face all the time and just calls you stupid, that's abuse. I mean, it's just it-- it doesn't have to be physical. Sure.

**BRUCE:** Oh, they picked it up out there.

**JUDY:** They're answering our phones. How thoughtful.

**BRUCE:** Hi, you're on the air. Hi, you're on the air. Hello?

**MAN (ON PHONE):** Hello.

**BRUCE:** Hi, you're on the air.

**MAN (ON PHONE):** Hello. I have a question for Judy. Bruce had said something asking Ben if he had if he thought that she suspected that anything was going on. I'd like to find out from Judy if she did and what steps she took to try to prevent things like this from happening.

**JUDY:** In all honesty, I have to say no. I really didn't know what was going on. And I thought about it a lot, especially since getting back together with Ben. And I guess I was so wrapped up in what was going on in my life that I really just didn't see it. I saw a lot of the verbal abuse, but I was catching the same hell. So I mean, as far as I'm concerned, it was, at that point, it was just a way of life for both of us. I mean, that's just the way the household was.

So no, I guess I'm almost ashamed to admit that I didn't see it. I knew nothing about it. And I wish he had come to me. But he didn't feel like he could.

**LARRY:** I think the key issue is that for Judy and for me, this was normal. The abuse became a part of our normal lives. So it was-- it's not something that you can say one morning, you wake up and you realize that there's something going on here that you're not happy about or that you can change. Because a lot of it has to do with feeling powerless.

**BRUCE:** That's right. And I think we all have to learn to look on the bright side of life, Mike. Can you handle that for me?

[MUSIC PLAYING]

And that's Romanovsky and Phillips and another song from their wonderful new album, *Emotional Roller Coaster*. It deals with positive things you can do in your life. And of course, they're sort of playing at it and making kind of fun of it. But a lot of the things they mentioned on that record are-- and in that song are wonderful things that you can do to help you realize that you are a wonderful person, that you deserve to live your life to the fullest, and that you are a good person.

And one of the first things they talk about are affirmations. And that's one of the first things any counselor will tell you to do is an affirmation. That you should have an affirmation that you do every morning when you wake up and you look in that mirror and you say, damn, I'm good. Or I'm a good person. Or I'm a lovable person. Some positive affirmation, something you can say to yourself over and over and over again, until you actually start to believe it.

And that's the best way-- one of the best ways to really start dealing with the situation. If you're in an abusive relationship, probably you really don't feel like you're worthwhile. Like Judy, you felt like it was your fault that you were getting attacked, or beaten, or whatever. And you have to learn to love yourself. And an affirmation is a good way to do that. And a good one to start with is I love myself.

**JUDY:** I'd never even heard of affirmations before all this. And now I find out everybody I know does affirmations on a daily basis. And they are wonderful things. I mean, you can talk to yourself all day long and tell you how terrible you are. But once you start telling yourself how good you are, it really starts working.

**BRUCE:** That's true. And it's-- a lot of people really go around all day long and they kick themselves. What did I do now? I'm just no good. I must be a rotten person to be having a rotten day like this. We all know people like that.

**JUDY:** Why did the boss call me in?

**BRUCE:** Yeah, really.

**LARRY:** I think we tend to believe that we don't deserve to have good things in our lives. And we don't deserve to have people treat us fairly and honestly. And it's-- an affirmation it's just a way of sort of focusing your attention towards your own needs in a positive way. Getting what you want out of life, it does not make you a bad person. You can get what you want, and be positive about it, and be kind to yourself and the people around you. And an affirmation is a good starting step.

**JUDY:** I think a lot of people think that if you get what you want, then you're selfish. And that's one of the first things you have to get past. You deserve to get good things.

**LARRY:** Because one of the first ones that I learned was that I am worthwhile. I hadn't worked up to I love myself.

**JUDY:** It takes a while.

**LARRY:** Yeah, I was working on that I am a worthwhile human being, that I deserve to be alive, that I deserve good things in my life.

**BRUCE:** Well, I know the one that I deal with all the time is that I have the right to make time for myself. Because that's something I don't do, and I don't do enough of. I'm here every Sunday morning. I was in Austin this afternoon for a meeting. And I had to be back here for a radio show tonight. Of course, it's a very important radio show, and I wouldn't have missed it for the world.

But there are times when I need to take a night off, just like Buddy had to take a night off tonight. Both the first night I think Buddy's taken off in-- I think he's taken one other night off since I've been with the show. So that's two nights since the show went on the air last September that Buddy hasn't been at this radio station on Sunday morning.

And we all need time off. And we all need time to get away and do our own thing. And I think it's great that Buddy is finally able to do that. And I think it's great that he trusts me enough to leave the show in my hands tonight.

**LARRY:** The counselor that I first started working with who, I think, brought me along the most started out with something very easy, along with what you were saying, Bruce, of doing something nice for myself. And one of the things that he told me was whatever it is that pleases you, if it's flowers, or pictures, or a movie, or a race, or whatever it is, take time and go and do that.

And do that for yourself. And having done some things like that for myself, taking an afternoon to take a picnic lunch to the park during a busy day when I know I normally would have said I can't and I shouldn't, I said I need to and I will. And it starts changes-- changes your perspective.

**BRUCE:** Doing something just even simple, like one of the things that I've done, I don't do it as much as I'd like to, I guess I need to do it tomorrow maybe, but go in the bathroom, find every candle in the house, and take it in the bathroom and light them around the bathtub. Don't catch the house on fire. Get a nice bottle of wine, draw a good, hot tub bath, put lots of bubbles in it.

And get in with a good book, and just sit, and soak, and have a nice glass of wine. And enjoy yourself in that mood. Create a mood for yourself. You can create a mood for other people. And you know what it's like-- if you're a romantic, you know what it's like to create your own mood and do your own thing. Well, you have to do that for yourself too. You have to spoil yourself every once in a while. You're worth it. Be good to yourself. It's real important.

And remember, no matter how bad it gets-- we've got all kinds of things going on in the control room, so I'm trying to get Mike's attention. But remember, folks, no matter how bad it gets there's always a morning after.

**MIKE:** You don't really think that I would miss another cue, do you?

[MUSIC PLAYING]

**BRUCE:** And that's right, there has to be a morning after. And there really is, isn't there, Judy?

**JUDY:** Yeah, there is. I didn't believe two months ago but, there is.

**BRUCE:** Where do we go from here?

**JUDY:** Where do we go from here?

**BRUCE:** Where do you go from here?

**JUDY:** We stay in therapy. And we keep practicing our affirmations. And we keep talking. And we keep telling the secrets. And we go on. We just forget about it. It's in the past. And it's not going to happen again. And you just got to put it behind you.

**BRUCE:** And they're not secrets anymore, are they?

**JUDY:** Nope, not anymore.

**BRUCE:** Larry, what about you? I know it's pretty well in your past, isn't it?

**LARRY:** Yeah, I think so. I'm in a relationship now. And the first indication that any of these kinds of manipulations and games that came up, I just stood my ground and said, no, this is not what I want in my life. And if you want to play these games, then you've got the wrong person. And you have a lot of days that are successes and a lot of days where you do a little backsliding.

**JUDY:** Ain't that the truth?

**LARRY:** But you keep moving on. And you build on the successes, because it feels good when you are successful.

**BRUCE:** Yeah, that's really true. And it's really great. And I'm glad that both of you are going ahead with your lives and were able to come here and be with us tonight. It's really wonderful. I'd like to thank everyone that's here tonight. And Mike's in there working the boards right now, because I got to schizo to sit in there and push the buttons right.

And of course, Larry, and Judy, and Ben for coming and telling their stories and sharing their lives with us, because it took a lot. It really did. And Jimmy and Kay are out in the lobby and have been answering phones tonight. And I really appreciate that, too.

In addition, I'd like to talk just a little bit about some of the music that we played tonight. Earlier, you heard "The Nightmare" with Sheryl Hilliard singing. The song was actually written, music and lyrics, by Lynne Lautner. One of our wonderful artists that you hear quite often. The record was, in fact, her first record album, although she only sang one song on the entire record. And it was for a play that was produced back several years ago. And the record's out of print.

We were lucky enough to come by a copy of it. Also we heard two songs, I've sort of titled them "Satin Curtains" and "Life is Just an Illusion." By Lindy Caldwell, who's an old friend of mine from high school who was a sexually abused child. And although Lindy's dealt with a lot of her problems, she still has some of her problems. And some of her music indicates that.

Of course, most of that music was done when she and I were both in high school many years ago. But it's a wonderful tape. And I dig it out every once in a while and listen to it, because the words really say a lot. And they mean a lot to me. So I definitely like to thank her for letting me use the music.

And just again, thank you everyone for tuning in and listening tonight. And remember, it is your life. You have to take control of it. And only you can control your life. It's not fair to anyone else to let them control your life for you. And I think we're all looking for something special. And most people say, there's a pot of gold under the rainbow. Well, Kermit's got his own thing about rainbows. And it's called "The Rainbow Connection."

[MUSIC - KERMIT THE FROG, "RAINBOW CONNECTION"]

Kermit the Frog and "Rainbow Connection" from the wonderful movie *The Muppet Movie*. Let's try that again now that my mic is on. That was Kermit the Frog from The Rainbow-- with "The Rainbow Connection" From *The Muppet Movie*. Again, I'd like to thank all of you for coming on and being on the show with us tonight. Ben's alive again. Hi, Ben.

**JUDY:** Say hi. Ben can't--

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

**BRUCE:** But again, thank you Judy, and Ben, and Larry for coming on and sharing your stories with us.

**JUDY:** Thank you.

**BRUCE:** Of course, Judy is a regular part of our show here. But I know this show was especially difficult for her. And it was difficult for all of us, I think. Buddy, if you're listening, it's been a wonderful show, I think, from our end, I hope. A couple of minor snafus, but nothing major. But our listeners are used to that sometimes.

Mike, again, thank you for being here and running the boards. And Kay and Jimmy, thanks for being out there and answering the phones. We really appreciate it. Be back with us next week. I'm not sure who we have on the show next week. Oh yes, I am too, Ray Hill is going to be on the show with us next week.

**MIKE:** The Ray Hill?

**BRUCE:** The Ray Hill. Now, the last time I was in this radio station with The Ray Hill, he made this statement that he was no longer the leading gay activist in this town.

**MIKE:** You were.

**BRUCE:** That I was.

**MIKE:** I knew it.

**BRUCE:** And I wasn't real sure how to take that. But I took it as a compliment. Because I think that's the way it was intended.

**MIKE:** As well you should.

**BRUCE:** But it really made me feel good. But Ray will be here next week. We'll be talking about Thanksgiving. We'll be talking about Harvey Milk again next weekend on Saturday and-- Friday and Saturday nights. Friday and Saturday night at midnight at the River Oaks Theater. Lobo, After Hours, and River Oaks Theater is bringing you the *Times of Harvey Milk*.

It's a wonderful movie. If you haven't seen it, please come by and see it. You will make Buddy's day.

**MIKE:** Even if you have seen, come see it again.

**BRUCE:** It's definitely worth seeing it again. I know I haven't seen it in about a year. And it's definitely time to see it again. But for After Hours, this is Bruce. And we're saying good night.

**JUDY:** Good night.

**MIKE:** We are?

**BRUCE:** Well, we're going to go ahead and close out the show. Dr. Dee's running a little bit late. But we're going to finish out like normal people, since we are normal people.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

**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.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

And I asked people all over this country to do one thing, come out, come out, America, come out.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

[MUSIC - YEASTIE GIRLZ, "FCC"]

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