

[MUSIC PLAYING]

Began with a routine police raid on a homosexual bar, the Stonewall on Christopher Street.

[CROWD CHANTING] Say it loud. Say it proud.

Who took great pride in what's happened in the gay community and what's going to happen.

The people of Dade County has said enough, enough, enough.

[CROWD CHANTING] Human rights are here to stay. Anita Bryant go away.

There's no question in my mind that the people of California don't want homosexuals teaching in their classrooms.

State Senator John Briggs has just conceded the election.

[CHEERING]

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

Dan White has been found guilty of one count each of voluntary manslaughter--

[CHANTING] Fight now! Fight now!

It has now broken loose. Cops are now bashing heads.

And here comes the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay rights.

Gay power, gay politics. That's what this report is about.

These are gay and lesbian people singing out here. What's your reaction to that?

I think it's terrible. If I had a rock I'd throw it at them.

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

Tonight, we are marching, as are others across America, and we shouldn't have to be.

Let's say it so they can hear you in the capitol.

For love and for life, we're not going back. For love and for life, we're not going back. For love and for life, we're not going back.

For love and for life, we're not going back!

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

Good afternoon, and welcome to the National March on Washington DC for Gay and Lesbian Rights and [INAUDIBLE]

[CHEERING]

Let's hear it out there!

[CHEERING AND APPLAUSE]

I'm Lea Delaria.

I'm Bruce Hopkins.

I'm a dyke.

I'm a faggot.

And we're best friends!

[CHEERING]

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

[CHEERING]

Look at you. 500,000 strong.

[CHEERING]

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

[CHEERING]

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

[MUSIC PLAYING]

And good morning to you, [? Stan. ?]

Greetings and salutations.

And what were we going to say, Alan?

They're queer.

We're queer.

[LAUGHTER]

This is KPFT Houston 98.1 FM, and it's time for *After Hours*.

Yeah.

It's radio celebrating life from the heart of Montrose. Montrose, USA.

Live and for real.

Live and for real. In living color. We do this show every week with nothing on. Nothing on our minds but your well-being. I think there's nothing wrong with being gay, and being happy and alive, and enjoying life.

And Mike Wilson, Manager of Parkway Athletic Club, is here with us this morning to talk about health, and fitness, and having a positive mental attitude. Is that right, Mike?

That's right.

All you got to do is say good morning right there.

Good morning.

There we go. And Rick's also in the studio with us. We're going to be talking more to them here in a little bit. We got a lot going on for you this morning, so stay with us.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

Cathy Minckberg and Vince Ryan were both down at EJ's last night. And we took the *After Hours* mics down there to see what they had to say to all those homosexuals in that faggot bar. But, ah, it was great. It was wonderful. I can't play everything they said to them, but-- can we do that?

We can if we beep a lot.

[LAUGHS] Anyway, we got a lot of music for you on *After Hours Radio*, celebrating life from the heart of the Montrose--

[MUSIC PLAYING]

--on KPFT, your voice in the community, as Brian says. The news and everything coming up at 3 o'clock, so let's get right into some music from my friend and yours.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

Love it, love it, love it.

I love it. I love it. I love it. Who is dat? Who dat?

Miami Sound Machine.

Miami Sound Machine, and the rhythm is going to get you.

Yeah.

On *After Hours Radio*, celebrating live from the heart of Montrose. We come in every week and do this for you, because we think it's wonderful to be gay, right?

Living it and loving it.

Living it and loving it.

[LAUGHTER]

Yeah.

Go ahead.

Well, up next, we got a fashion designer gone music designer. She's taken the world by storm. With "Breakout," its Swing Out Sister.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

She's swinging. I think she's on the wrong speed, Alan.

Excusez-moi.

What causes--

I'm on the wrong speed, too.

[LAUGHS]

This is called live radio, and that's what happens when you get a bunch of homosexuals on your dial at 2:00 AM. No, I had a wonderful night. I helped a friend of mine move today. He called and said, can you come help me move? And this guy-- he and his wife had every album that's ever been pressed.

Ah. How many did you steal? [LAUGHS]

None. I got to look through them. That was kind of nice. But how many did I steal? I didn't steal any. And then we went to a union.

Yeah, I heard you went to the Holy Union. Pastor Laura and--

Oh, it was wonderful.

--her lover.

They rededicated their vows after 10 years. And we've got something special to say about that. So I also want to say good morning to a good friend of mine by the name of Steve and his boys.

Oh, not boys. Those are all men down there. They're down in Alabama somewhere, and we know they're listening. And we just want to say-- yes?

Oh, I got an apology real quick here, too.

All right.

Say what you're going to say, and then I'll say what I'm going to say.

Well, I just want to say thanks to Steve, and all the guys that are listening to us, and everybody else that's listening. We got a wonderful gay community here in Houston, and we're getting a lot of support from the gay community. And every week, we come in here and knock ourselves out for you. And we've got great people like Mike Wilson and Rick that come in and offer their expertise to us every week.

Yay. But I want to put out an apology to Kenny he requested Sister Morphine earlier, and we don't got it.

We don't got it.

We don't got it. So, Kenny, if you want to call back and request something else, I'll take your call.

Yeah, and also, if you'd like that KPFT program guide and a free copy of the *After Hours* poster, give us a call at 526-4000. 526-4000. And write that number down, because, in a little bit, we're going to open the phone lines so you can talk to Michael and Rick all about health, and fitness, and how to live, and be-- well, maybe he needs to tell us how to watch our dinner plate, because Thanksgiving's coming up.

Push backs. Push backs.

Push backs. Now, start all over with this, and let's do it again.

Now, girlfriend, have you got Swing Out Sister on the right speed this time?

Yeah, she's right. OK, we're ready to go.

"Break Out," Swing Out Sister.

Yeah. And this is *After Hours* on KPFT Houston.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

My name is Rory, and I'm on *After Hours*, the radio celebrating life from the heart of Montrose.

Hi, this is Ron Romanovsky

And this is Paul Phillips. We're better known as Romanovsky and Phillips. If you haven't been listening to *After Hours*, what kind of self-respecting faggot are you, anyway? *After Hours*, 2:00 to 4:00 every Sunday morning on KPFT. 90.1 on your FM dial. Listen in.

Yeah.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

That's Romanovsky and Phillips, of course. And what kind of self-respecting faggot am I? Well, I'm the kind that-- for those of you that know me, I'm not going to tell you. Because there's no reason to tell you.

For those of you that don't know me, well, give me a call at 526-4000, and we'll send you a copy of the KPFT program guide and a copy of the *After Hours* poster. It's all free. I want to thank Paul and Ron for doing those little promos for us that we heard before the song that they just sang for us.

Again, that's Romanovsky and Phillips from their album, *Trouble in Paradise*. We're going to hear another cut from that album later on in the show. In the meantime, Michael Wilson, Manager of Parkway Athletic Club, is in the studio with us this morning.

Good morning, buddy.

Good morning. And Rick is here, Rick Carson. And we're going to talk about life, and how to enjoy it, and how to be positive. And what kind of self-respecting faggot are you if you can't enjoy life? And Michael believes, as a lot of us do, that we have a lot to be proud of, right?

Sure.

As gay people. And what would we like to start with?

Well, what I'd like to talk about tonight is health, self-healing, and about creating more freedom in our lives by becoming aware of how powerful our thoughts, feelings, and attitudes about ourselves are, and how to channel and tap into that power and use it as a very positive force to create a better lifestyle for ourselves.

So if you hear people tell you all your life that you're rotten, and you stink, and you don't amount to anything, and you believe that--

You buy into it.

--after a while, you buy into it, right?

Sure. That's their morality, not yours.

Or if you hear the church tell you that you're rotten, and you stink, and you don't amount to anything--

That's how they control you.

So we're saying that if you have a good positive mental attitude, you can overcome that, right?

Right. Well, first of all, you have to go through all that. It's like excess baggage. You have to realize that if it doesn't serve you, if it doesn't enhance your life, if it's a concept, or an attitude, or a belief that was your mother's, or your father's, or someone else's, that's not really yours, you need to begin to let go of it.

OK, can you tell me about this whole mental thing?

Well, I call it our mental immune system.

There you go. What that is that what we say, and what we feel, and what we do, and our lifestyle is-- our self-image, our mental attitude--

Right.

That governs and controls, to a great extent, our health, and how we live each day, and how we interact with people around us. And if our mental immune system's down, if we have a lot of lack of self-worth for our self, or no self-esteem, or we give our power away by buying into other people's beliefs and allowing other people to manipulate us, then we start to break down. Our psychological mental future of ourself starts to give in a little bit.

So then you believe, like I do, that gay people are good people.

Sure. Sure. It's a valid expression of life.

Sex between consenting adults no matter who they are--

Sure. Well, I believe--

--is wonderful.

It's like an umbrella of sexuality. And under the umbrella of sexuality is bisexuality, lesbianism, heterosexuality, homosexuality. They're all valid expressions of life and love.

I tell you what. If everybody out there that was gay felt positive and good about themselves and came out of the closet, with 25 million of us in this country, it'd be hard for them to turn their backs on us. And it will happen sooner or later.

Sure.

I said last week, once we started doing this show, I came out to the people I work with. And I work for the city, and that's not easy. But once you tell everybody that you're gay, or a fag, or whatever-- it doesn't bother me anymore what anybody says-- then you can stand up to anything. And I heard a rumor that if all you folks came out--

[MUSIC PLAYING]

Well, this is more music on *After Hours*. We'll be back in a minute. The phone lines are going to open up in just a minute at 526-4000 if you have questions for Michael. So give us a call. This is Bananarama and "I Heard a Rumour" just for you on *After Hours*.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

(SINGING) Who needs friends who never show?

(SINGING) I heard a rumour.

It's like we're being punished, Arnold.

Oh, sure. Bob is being punished for being gay. And herpes and gonorrhea are a punishment for straight sex. And birth defects of the payment for the sin of Adam. Let's all strap on our chastity belts and bruise the body to pleasure the soul.

And meanwhile, tens of thousands of Africans die of what they simply call the horror. And no one notices, because they're so used to death over there. And more young men in New York, more young men in their 30s, die of it than cancer. And the tabloids scream that movie starlets will sue the victim they kissed.

And we spend \$1 billion on the b-1 bomber, and a billion on a computerized tank that won't work, and less than a fifth of that on a cure for a monster that is loose in our population. And we shake our heads and say, oh, those fags, and, of, those Haitians. And the largest number of new cases per capita is in Belle Glade, Florida, which is neither gay nor Haitian. And people die, Cliff.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

Hi, this is Terry from Charlie's Coffee Shop in Montrose. We're proud to be a part of the Montrose area, and you're listening to *After Hours* on KPFT Houston.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

Oh, yes, the Pet Shop Boys. And it's a sin. I think it's a sin when we completely ignore what's going on around us. Don't you think so, Alan?

It's a dirty, nasty, evil, wicked sin.

It's a dirty, nasty, evil, wicked sin. I was talking about the fact that the White House is up there, and hundreds of people are dying from AIDS.

Speaking of sins.

Yeah. Nobody seems to give a damn, but that's OK. They don't care about--

Well, I guess Ron took Nancy's advice and just said no.

[LAUGHS]

What else can you think?

Do you think that's what they did, Michael?

I think somebody is definitely asleep in the White House.

It's pretty sad. Michael Wilson, Manager of the Parkway Athletic Club, and Rick Carsons joined us in the studio, right?

Right.

Right. OK. [LAUGHS]

Are you awake, Rick?

I certainly am.

It's just an early time of the day to be here. Where else are you going to get homosexuals on your radio? Somebody called me and said don't say homosexual.

Well, I have a whole new list of vocabulary. Because we were discussing this earlier this evening while we were sewing up little doodads for our choir robes.

What's a doodad?

Little doodad. We're putting new thingys on our choir robes.

Doodad, doodad.

And we were sewing these up, and we got into a discussion. Because I know of at least one woman who is an adamant lesbian, but I know half a dozen who say they're not lesbians, they're gay women. And we were trying to come up with something to call people that wasn't going to be offensive.

And I said, well, if we're going to split it out, let's split it out into fine hairs. We've got hypersexuals. Those are people who just do it everywhere all the time. We've got hyposexuals. And I think it's you and me, people who don't do anything anywhere.

Oh, come on.

We've got monosexuals--

[LAUGHS]

--who do it with themselves.

[LAUGHTER]

Garland Ganner, the News Director here at KPFT-- we were discussing this Friday. And Garland said we can call ourselves non-heterosexuals.

I like real people.

Real people.

Real people.

[LAUGHS] If you have a word for us, please call us at 526-4000. No, I'm just kidding. If you have a word for Michael Wilson, though, Manager of Parkway Athletic Club, give us a call.

Mike, we were talking about holistic. Can you tell me what that word means? Because I'm not really sure.

OK, what holistic means is that when we have problems with our health, we have to look at the whole body. Instead of just treating the symptoms, we have to look at the cause of the problem. What we're thinking, what we're feeling, what we're eating.

What kind of lifestyle do we have? What kind of stress do we have in our life? And it's so easy nowadays for people to go to the doctor and to get antibiotics or some sort of prescription and cover up the symptoms when the body is actually trying to tell you that you need to stop, look, and listen at what's going on in your life.

You just said the body's trying to tell you-- how do if your body is talking to you?

Oh, well you have to look at-- if you're going to the doctor, and you're sick, and you've got allergies, or flus, or you're tired or fatigued, or back trouble, or any kind of disease in the body, the body is trying to talk to you. We're so programmed to give our power away in so many areas of our life that when it comes to our health, we let our doctor take responsibility for our health instead of practicing preventive medicine and knowing how to read the body language.

You keep saying giving our power away. When we were talking down at the club the other day, you said something about a point of power. What does that mean, the point of power?

Well, the point of power is what you choose to think and feel this very moment is your-- those are the thoughts and attitudes and beliefs that will be creating an embryo next week, tomorrow, three hours from now. So when you begin to be aware that what you think and feel in the present moment is a very powerful energy that you have within you, and you become consciously aware of what you are thinking, and direct that into a positive force for you, you can begin to gain more control.

If you were talking about illness and feeling sick, certainly, AIDS has to play a role in that somewhere.

Sure.

So what about if someone was suffering from AIDS? And, of course, if you go to the doctor and they tell you you're dying, you go to your priest who doesn't like gay people, and he tells you you're dying, then you're going to go home and die.

OK, well, you just can't buy into it. You can't buy into it. That's why it's time for gay people to learn about the body, mental attitudes, how to take care of ourselves, self-healing techniques, natural therapies, different things to protect ourselves. Because society is very homophobic, and we have to take responsibility. We have to be our own teacher and our own student, and we have to learn about how the body functions.

We're going to open the phone lines after we hear some more music. Alan, we had a request from-- what was her name?

She didn't leave her name, but she wanted to hear Nancy Griffith. And, now, the woman left a little blurb there that said Mary Margaret. And at first I thought that must be who requested. But looking on the album, there's a song subtitled "Mary Margaret," and I hope this is the right one. If it's not, give me a call back, and we'll find the right one.

Mary Margaret McBride. She was an old radio star from years ago.

OK.

[LAUGHS]

Sorry, before my time.

Sorry we mentioned that. Well, before your time-- why are you looking at me like that?

[LAUGHS]

Before your time.

I'm just a baby. I'm told that continually.

Yeah.

We're going to have a little discussion with Alan, then we'll be back in a minute. So who is this we're going to listen to?

Nancy Griffith.

And what's the name of the song?

Heck if I know. It's a long title.

[LAUGHS] OK.

It's subtitled, "Mary Margaret." That's all I can remember.

If you have some questions for Michael and Rick about health and how to be a happy homosexual, give us a call at 526-4000. Our phone lines are open now at KPFT.

And keep in mind, I give lessons.

Yeah, if you want a lesson, give us a call at 526-4000.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

(SINGING) There's a light beyond these woods, Mary Margaret.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

That's Nancy Griffin-- Nancy Griffith. I can't even talk. And "There's a Light Beyond These Woods, Mary Margaret." Music by special request on *After Hours*.

I've got a special song I want to play for Steve and all the guys. Steve told me he had never heard this. We played it last week. This is a closet classic. And Alan, I played this when I was in Nebraska at the Stage Door.

Oh, they had radio then?

No, dear, they had a disco.

Oh.

Is disco--

Disco? What's disco?

Disco dead. Disco dat-a-way--

Disco over here, yeah.

Disco over here. Disco over there. But this is an old-- it's not an old song.

Well, which one is it?

"Johnny--"

"Johnny, Are You Queer?"

"Johnny, Are You Queer?" So this is for Steve and all the guys down at-- well, they're down someplace. I don't know where they are. Some place down on Alabama.

(SINGING) Do you remember when--

[MUSIC PLAYING]

Well, "Johnny, Are You Queer?" Johnny? Hello, Johnny. Johnny, are you queer? I know you are, Alan.

Well, I was going to say--

Well, I am, too. What can I say?

I'm not queer. I'm real.

Real queer.

[LAUGHTER]

Anyway, Michael Wilson is here with this from Parkway Athletic Club talking about health, and a positive lifestyle, and good nutrition. And Michael, what do you do if you're a busy kind of guy or gal, like I am, and you work seems like 90 hours a day, and you'd love to go to the gym and work out and whatever, but your lover goes, so you don't have the money to go? You know what I mean?

And it seems like you're always stressed out, or, for whatever reason, you don't take the time to sit down. What do you tell people like me that are just chewing the ends of their fingers off trying to relax?

Yeah. Well, you have to make me time. And that's a part of loving yourself. And there was an interview not too long ago on television with Jane Fonda. And they ask her basically about the same question.

How did she find time in a busy schedule to take time to exercise or time for herself? And she said that she wrote down in her appointment book an hour and a half each day for her. And she treated herself like she would an appointment with a business person.

Well, that's a good idea, because-- yeah. You're always going to make time for someone else.

Sure, and why put yourself on the back burner? It's time for gay men and women to love ourselves a little more and make that extra space and time for ourselves.

And I, for one, certainly agree with a lot of other people that gay is good.

That gay is beautiful.

We're beautiful. That's a good word. If you don't believe it's beautiful, you should have been with my lover and I tonight, Roger. He's got a special dedication that he wants to do later. We'll play a song from a Romanovsky and Phillips album.

Well, I want to read you the words to the song. Because a lot of times, you hear music and you don't really hear what's going on. But this song is called-- it's from that *Trouble in Paradise* album that we heard earlier. The name of this song is called "Lost Emotions."

And if I can do this-- Laura and Cathy, two women have been together for 10 years, and they rededicated their lives to each other tonight in what they consider to be a church. And a lot of people may not understand that and may not agree with it. I went simply because they called the program and said, we want to be involved. And *After Hours* wants to be involved in everything going on in the gay and lesbian community.

And it was beautiful. It really was. But when I got home, I listened to this song. And I cried because it says so much. This was written by Ron Romanovsky back in 1982.

The song is called "Lost Emotions," and the words are "I am leaving on a journey, striking out alone. My friend has come to see me off, and now it's time to go. I want to hold them in my arms, tuck my head and cry. But with people all around, we simply say goodbye.

I am sitting with my brother in a restaurant. I'm rediscovering a long lost friend listening to him talk. And knowing that he understands and sees into my soul, I want to reach out for his hand, but that would break the rules." And now, my favorite line from this song-- verse, rather-- excuse me-- I am walking with my lover. The night is cool and clear.

And everything he says to me is what I want to hear. Waiting for the light to change, we both want to embrace. But silently, we both agree that this is not the place. I want to hold them in my arms, tuck my head and cry. But with people all around, we simply say goodbye."

And I think we cheat ourselves so many times as gay and lesbian people by giving in to the pressures of society. And I think it's time that we, as gay people, stood up and said we're tired of it. We're not going to stand for it anymore.

We're going to come out in numbers, 25 million plus in this country. 25 million people don't even vote in the presidential election. If every gay and lesbian person in this country voted, we could probably elect a president. Do you realize that?

That's right.

If every gay and lesbian in Houston voted when the referendum was on the ballot two years ago, gay protection might be something that we don't have to fear about people like me that work for the city. They could come in tomorrow and say, you're fired, faggot. It happened to me before when I was 18. It could happen tomorrow.

But you know what, kids? I don't care anymore. Because I've gotten to the point, where Michael's talking about, where I'm real proud of myself not because I'm sitting here talking to you.

Because I know that you're important. And people like Michael Wilson, and Rick Carson, and Alan, and all the people connected with this show-- they believe that you're important, too. Otherwise, they wouldn't come down here every week.

I think it's very important that now that we've came out of the closet and we're in politics and everything, it's time for us to step out of the mental closet--

That's right.

--and to let all the excess baggage go. Stop buying into it. And realize how wonderful and how beautiful we are as a community and as people.

Just feel good about yourself.

Do something socially radical and hug someone in public.

[LAUGHTER]

Yeah, that would be nice.

Break the rules.

I have a friend that's dying of AIDS. And I'm at a loss, because I don't know what to tell them. Because I know that there's no physical evidence of any help anywhere from the medical community. This government has done very little to help any of us.

But that's why it's very important for us to go within, to learn what creates sickness, what attracts it to a particular individual, what makes someone susceptible to it. And through knowledge, and awareness, and enlightenment of the self, we can better protect ourselves from things like this.

Alan, what can you say to help me find-- stumbling around looking for a record. I don't have any music here.

Behind you there, I placed two albums.

OK.

I'd like to make a comment to what's just been said about--

Go ahead, Rick.

--the government. The government has treated us as second class citizens. Don't buy into that in any of your mental feelings or wanderings. You're a first class citizen all the way.

That's right.

Yeah.

We are good people, and there's nobody that's going to tell me any different. I know gay people are good. I know that sex is good with men, because I've done it for God knows how many years.

And you know what? When I started doing this show, without getting real graphic and getting kicked off the air, my sexual energies, I guess, have just-- I'm not going to say.

You're a hyposexual.

[LAUGHTER]

Let's just say I enjoy sex more, and I really get into it more now that I've got that burden--

Oh, excuse me, you're a hypersexual.

--off of me of having to worry about who knows that I'm a queer. I really don't care who knows. And if I thought that I could put on a t-shirt and wear it every day that says I'm a fag--

And loving it.

--and loving it, and it would help people come out and stand up for themselves, I'd do that. I'd do anything. I don't care. I'm not ashamed of what I am, who I am.

One of the reasons why it's so important not to buy into it and let go of it-- going back to AIDS and your friend-- is as a community, it's the oppression. That alone affects our health in ways that most people are not aware of.

Causes the disease.

Yeah, it causes the disease to set in.

Yeah.

And then it can lead into many different things.

And then there's those people who are continually going, well, what if someone found out? What if?

Well, what if? Build a worst case scenario. You'd get fired, maybe. Some of your family members might not talk to you. Well, do you really want to talk to a family member that isn't going to try to understand you?

Do you really want to work for someone who isn't going to try to understand you or who's going to let your homosexuality stand in the way of a job relationship? Get into a situation where you can feel good about who you are.

If you just constantly worry about that-- who's going to find out? Who gives a damn?

I gave up worrying about it, and nobody suddenly found out. And nothing's changed, and I feel better.

It's real funny. One of the girls-- like I said, I work for the city-- and one of the girls I work with-- she's in her probably late 40s, maybe. She's got children my age. And I went to her.

I was confessing my sins to everybody as we started to do this show. And I said, I'm doing this gay radio program every week on KPFT. And she said, well, that's nice, buddy that you would help out those people. And I said, what do you mean those people?

Yeah.

I'm one of those people.

Second class citizens.

[LAUGHTER]

Hey, I'm one of those people. And then someone made a rather nasty comment to me at work one day. Really rude. The kind of stuff you hear high school thugs yell at you as you're walking down the street sometimes on a Friday night in the Montrose.

And I just turned around in a room full of people. And I would not have done anything like this six months ago. But they said a nasty word. It's that F word with-- you know what I mean. And I said, I may be queer, but I've got taste.

Right.

[LAUGHTER]

I got much better taste.