

- Well, just today on KPFT, we had some coverage of an antiwar protest that was taking place in San Francisco.
- That is absolutely right.
- It was attended by over 100,000 people.
- There was one in DC, also, right?
- There was one in DC. There was one in Germany.
- I think they covered the one from DC for a while earlier this afternoon. I could be wrong about that.
- They covered the one in San Francisco--
- They sure did.
- --and it was incredible coverage. Coverage which you're not going to hear on CNN--
- No.
- --or ABC--
- No.
- --or CBS.
- No.
- You are only going to hear that here on KPFT.
- And if you read about it in your paper tomorrow, it won't be very much.
- No.
- Just a little article somewhere, at the most.
- And Cleve Jones from the NAMES Project, who we all know from the NAMES Project, spoke. And what he said, and it was wonderful, is that the war is not over there. The war is here. We need to be fighting, fighting for things like health care--
- You bet.
- --and housing, and starvation. And all this money seems to all of a sudden be available for a war.
- When it was not available just last week for AIDS research. And there's just something inside me that says, is part of this war just an excuse so that we can focus all our attentions on it and forget about the things that are necessary here at home like the homeless, like aids research?
- Like the deficit.

- Yeah. I go to work at night. Well, I work in the evening, as opposed to most people at my office. So people when they're leaving they say, well, I'm going to go home and turn on CNN and get my daily dosage of war coverage. And everybody is really wrapped up with the war.

- It's interesting. The government can do deficit spending, but KPFT can't.

- No.

- We've got to pay for everything.

- We do.

- And so that's why we need you to call.

- Please.

- And when you think about it, it's really-- the station really runs pretty cheaply. It's \$45 an hour.

- Is that it?

- What business do you know of that can run on \$45 an hour?

- Really!

- And bring all of this to you.

- 24 hours a day.

- You bet. You bet.

- It's really free to you in the sense that you can turn on your radio, and no one's going to come knocking at your door and say, OK, you've got KPFT tuned in so you need to give us some money.

- Or you don't have to buy a product to ensure that it'll be there.

- Nor do you have to listen to those incredibly bad commercials.

- Oh, wait a minute. That's how I make a living.

[LAUGHTER]

- Yeah, but yours aren't bad. I'm sure yours are--

- OK.

- Present company excluded.

- Yes. So with all of this in mind, we do need your support. And while that war is going on, which we of course all agree is senseless, and there's got to be another way, as Mariah Carey says. We need to also keep our perspective on the problems right here at home.

- There you go. The power within, you can use it to win. Read my lips. Send us money.

- Call and pledge.

- That's right. We do need those pledges. It's about 16 minutes after 2:00 on *After Hours*, radio celebrating life from the heart of Montrose, KPFT Houston.

- We did have some calls asking what the music was. Why don't you tell us, Jimmy?

- Oh, that was Tom Robinson. He's an openly gay protest singer in England. And he was doing a song called Glad to be Gay, which talks about all the strife that there is in life if you're gay in England.

- The first time I heard that song was on KPFT. It was back in '82 on the *WildeNStein* show. And I didn't-- well, I'm ashamed to admit this. But I didn't get around to pledging to KPFT until 1988. So not everybody calls them pledges right away the first time they hear KPFT. But they say it usually takes two or three years.

- Does it?

- Yeah. That's why they've done studies on it, people supporting public radio and public television, that kind of thing.

- So why don't you prove those studies wrong, and give us a call at 526-KPFT and pledge for this show.

- Or if you've been listening for two or three years, prove those studies right, and call us tonight and make a pledge.

- There you go.

- You'll be pledging for somebody who may just be tuning in for the first time tonight. And they may not pledge for a couple of years.

- Not only that, we were talking earlier that there are a lot of straight people. Otie was talking about that, urging them to pledge. There are also a lot of teenagers just coming out or realizing that they are gay. They're sitting at home right now, maybe in bed under the covers with the radio plugged in their ears so mommy and daddy can't hear. And you know these people can't pledge, so make a pledge for them if no one else. Remember what it was like when you were that age.

- I remember what it was like. There was nothing like this on the radio.

- That's right.

- Of course, when I was that age, they didn't even have radio.

[LAUGHTER]

But if they had had radio, there wouldn't have been a show like this.

- No, there wasn't a show like that. There wasn't a lot of things. But especially a show like this, where you can hear that you are OK. Stand up. Be counted. It's all right to come out. Be your own self. Stand on your own two feet, and take that bite of life.

- That's true. Where else are you going to hear that you're OK, except on KPFT. You're not going to hear that on the regular television network.

- No, all you do is--

- Well, once in a while you do.

- --all you do is hear the fag and dyke jokes. And now we use those words, too.

- It's OK for us to use them.

- But we use them in a different way because you hear them out there. Out there when you go through life you hear them, and they hurt. And what we're telling you is you hear those words enough from us, and you're going to get immune to them, and they're not going to hurt anymore. And pretty soon they're going to be our words, and nobody will dare use them.

Remember, Jim Westmoreland.

- What about him?

- When he was--

- Oh yeah. I'm sorry. Yeah, I'm thinking of the general.

- No.

- Because there was something in the paper about him this week.

- The famous speech he had about the new airport. There will come a day that when somebody says that about faggots and dykes, the same will happen to them. And that's what we're working for.

- Yeah, we're working toward that. It may take a while, but it takes programs like this to get the ball rolling.

- That's right. That's right. So be that Rosa Parks. Stay in that seat. Send us money, and we'll continue along.

- We'll be here. Well, Buddy will be here, and Jimmy will be here. Frank will be here. I'm just here for a couple-- for a week, anyway.

- Buddy is out with the flu tonight, by the way.

- Yes, he's had it all week as a matter of fact. And thought he might be well enough, but--

- Apparently not.

- No, the last time I spoke to him he was really, really hoarse. And when you are doing four radio show, and when you do it as avidly as Buddy does--

- He gets into it.

- That's right. So we want to hear those phones ringing because you know what happens at 3:00.

- The BBC.

- Not only that, the begging and pleading and whining line start. So--

- I'm not any good at begging and pleading and whining.

- Well, I am.

- I whine very well.

- I'm going to sit back and let you all whine.

[LAUGHTER]

I'll just sit here and push buttons.

- So we do need the support from you to let us know that you're out there, and you support what we're doing. We don't get a check. We don't make any money. And this is what we do on a Saturday night when we could be doing a lot of other things.

- And we don't have any Arbitron ratings, either. The only way we know you're listening is if you call.

- And support us. So why don't you give us a call at 526-5738, 526-KPFT, and be our friend.

- Yeah, give us a call here at 526-5738, 526-KPFT, and be our friend.

- Yeah, like Patti LaBelle is going to tell you in just a minute.

[MUSIC - PATTI LABELLE "YOU ARE MY FRIEND"]

- KPFT FM 90.1 in Houston.

- Hey, this is Jesse. I'm from North Carolina, and I'm making America safe for empty minds. Now, you people are being asked to call 526-5738 and support this station. But let me tell you about this station. It's no good. This station puts stuff on the air that'll make you think. They got all kinds of people on this station, even them gay and lesbian people.

Let me tell you, this is a station for people who think for themselves. But how are you going to know what to think if I don't tell you? Look it here. Don't call 526-5738. Go out and get some cigarettes. If you don't call, maybe we won't have to hear this kind of radio.

This is Jesse thanking you for not thinking. Don't call 526-5738 and support KPFT. Make my job easier.

- Now, they're crawling up the side of the boat. They're covering the boatmen.

[YELLING]

- Crawling up my legs, they're biting. They're eating into my flesh. They're inside me. They're flowing through my veins.

- The Adventures of Ruby 3.

- Join us as Ruby continues her weekly adventure right here on KPFT every Monday at 10:30. Tranquility Base at 10:00 and Ruby 3 at 10:30 KPFT Houston 90.1 FM.

- There was Buddy.

- We knew he was somewhere.

- Yeah, talking about his show on Monday nights at 10:00, Tranquility Base, and Ruby 3, the Galactic Gumshoe, which comes on at 10:30.

- So we're back.

- So Jesse's talking about them gay and lesbian people. Well, them gay and lesbian people need some bucks tonight. And we do have a thank you.
- Oh, well let's thank--
- John [? Borgow. ?]
- He thinks for himself.
- Oh, thank you, John.
- John's been on the show many times. And we were talking a little bit earlier about people going ahead and sending in some bucks for those who can't. Well, let me tell you a little bit about John. I don't think this is private. John is a full time college student who works a part time job. So I wouldn't think that he's got a whole lot of bucks to spare, but he's sparing a little for this show because he believes in it.
- He thinks it's important.
- It is important.
- It is important.
- And I know you do, too, out there. So the number to call is 526-5738.
- 526-KPFT.
- You bet. Or if you're out of town--
- It's 1-800-333-KPFT. That's 1-800-333-5738.
- That's right, baby. We're uptown. We got an 800 number.
- And if you've got plastic, you can use Visa, Mastercard, American Express, or Optima.
- That's right.
- So we're making it real easy for you.
- And if you don't want to put it on plastic for whatever reason you can call and you can set it up on payments.
- That's right.
- Well, what happens is we send you out a reminder, and you mark on the reminder, well, I want to pay \$100 a month for 12 months, or however you want to do it.
- That sounds good. One of our good listeners, Mike Harvell, has been doing that.
- So the station, we're here in the 20th century. We have a computer. Besides the 800 number, we have all this good stuff. And the computer will know how to send out your reminders. I hate to use the word invoice because it's really not a bill. It's something you're doing because you care.
- Yes.

- But we send you a reminder once a month, and it'll be in the amount that you specify. And you can do it that way.
- OK, that sounds pretty easy.
- Or you can just bring cash by the station.
- Yeah, we'll take that.
- Don't mail cash.
- Come on down at 419 Lovett, Houston 77006, and we'll take that money.
- We had a couple of people do that last week, as a matter of fact.
- Oh, yeah?
- Yeah, Rainbow the Clown.
- Oh, yeah. I saw Rainbow here.
- So call in. Make your pledge so that we can continue to bring you *After Hours* through that old wire.
- That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind.
- Etched forever in our minds. Etched forever in our minds.
- First ghostly images on our televisions.
- Etched forever in our minds.
- On our televisions.
- Etched forever in our minds.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

[MUSIC PLAYING]

- There we are. This is *After Hours*, radio celebrating life from the heart of Montrose. And you just heard Holly Near with Mercedes Sosa singing a protest song. And it's talking about a South American country where they are not allowed to protest the war going on there. And it makes me feel that isn't this a great country where we do have that freedom? We can dissent.
- That's what KPFT is about.
- That's right.
- We're exercising our rights as Americans, and not many people in the world have that right.
- To bring you a differing opinion.
- We've been doing that for 20 years now.

- 21 this year, as a matter of fact.
- I'm still stuck on 20, right. Well, 20 is such a nice, easy number to remember. And we've been doing it for 21 years. You're right.
- It almost seems these days that to dissent on the war is a very courageous thing to do. It seems that the government is creating this atmosphere that you're un-American if you don't support a war, a war where people kill each other.
- That's what Otie was saying earlier on his program. He was saying that as the dissent grows, the pressure from the government not to dissent is going to get stronger.
- Frank, you were telling me about a call we had earlier.
- Yeah, we had a call earlier where a man called in. He was very irate because he said that we didn't support the war and that we were disgusting. And all I could say to him is, isn't it beautiful that we live in America, where we have the right to dissent?
- You betcha. You betcha. And you heard us talking earlier about the protests that were going on around the country today and brought to you by KPFT. The one in San Francisco I heard this afternoon.
- Oh yeah, that was incredible.
- Yeah, with Cleve Jones and some other folks.
- Angela Davis was there. There was 100--
- Oh, I missed that part.
- Yeah, Angela Davis was there earlier in the afternoon, and they must have done about 5 hours continuous coverage on Pacifica out there.
- There you go. No other radio station is going to bring you that. The BBC is great. The CBC is great. But here on KPFT, we bring you the opposing views. And for that, we ask for pledges of support three times a year just to keep us going, very small salaries here, very few people who get salaries.
- And they don't get big salaries.
- No. All the programmers come down here because they feel what they're doing is right.
- And to be here, and I'm not speaking for myself now because I'm not usually here at this time. But these guys who are here, they have to believe in what they're doing to be down here from midnight to 4:00 AM on a Saturday night.
- Well.
- Or on any night.
- Well, Mike, you have your show, *Carioca*.
- Oh, that's just an ego trip.
- That's from--
- At least I'll admit it.

- --3:00 to 6:00 Monday morning, right?

- Yeah. And a fun show it is, too.

- I have a lot of fun with it. But we're not here to talk about *Carioca*. I'll talk about that Monday. But we're talking about *After Hours*.

- And we need the bucks. We're behind here. We haven't hit the \$300 mark yet.

- And we've a little over an hour to go.

- Yeah, and we need to get up to \$1,000. So we are urging you to call in your pledge of support at 526-5738, 526-KPFT.

- *After Hours* has been on for how long now?

- Since September of '87.

- Wow, so 2 and 1/2--

- 3 and 1/2 years. 3 and 1/2 years.

- See, I'm still stuck in 1990.

- I have been very lucky to be a part of this show for--

- You've been around since the beginning.

- --no, no, no, for just about three years. I think I started coming down here in about February or March as a representative of the switchboard to talk to kids coming out who were calling the show. So I did that for six months and started talking a little bit on the air.

- And somehow you turn into Ed McMahon.

- Somehow I turned into the gay Ed McMahon through the generosity of Buddy Johnston.

- Before long, you'll hear Jimmy on TV telling you how you can win \$1,000,000 in such and such a sweepstakes.

- There you go.

- I wonder who won.

[LAUGHTER]

- So I love this show, and I feel very proud to be a part of it. It's not exactly a regular *After Hours* show without Buddy, but he's out with the flu. Buddy being the openly gay dispatcher--

- HPD dispatcher.

- --the head queen down there, and we miss him. I'm sure he'll be back next week. But right now, we need your pledges of support. Coming up at 3:00, we've got the BBC. And I know you've been enjoying the music because we've been getting some calls.

And right now, I want to get a little peppy with you and get a little typical Saturday night or Friday night, depending on the movie theater you go to. And we've got a little Rocky Horror for you, one of my faves. Of course, I've got a lot of faves from that. So Mike, hit it.

[MUSIC - "THE TIME WARP"]

- Oh, yeah. Boy, I really like that song. It's of my faves. And you've heard it a lot. You've heard many of the songs from Rocky Horror on this show. And we have another one coming up that I know is one of your faves. And it came to me years ago via one of the personalities of Houston, the none other than Rainbow the Clown.

Rainbow, who I want to-- I want to congratulate you, Rainbow. You came in runner up. Of course, she's always been Miss Runner Up in the Miss Montrose contest. So for you, Rainbow, and for you out there, all of you, here we are looking for that city.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

- Ladies and gentlemen, the following is a subliminal commercial.

- Hi, I'm Dr. Totsy-Hotsy. First off, I want to say I have nothing against disgusting, sodomizing homosexuals.

- Kill them all.

- Even though my mother hates them, I'm a doctor. So I can maintain neutral perspective.

- They are evil.

- I have nothing against KPFT.

- Bomb it.

- But if it were any good, wouldn't a reputable media mogul buy it?

- Send the faggots to hell.

- If you care about the health of Houston--

- Kill the queers.

- --don't call 526-5738.

- 526-KPFT.

- And pledge your support.

- Long distance 1-800-333-KPFT.

- Instead, support my group, ATLP.

- Help eliminate lesbians and faggots.

- And make Houston a safe place to live again.

- And the Blacks and the Spanish.

- Don't call 526-5738.

- Ban the Democrats.

- I can't stand it. They make me afraid.
- I'm afraid of myself.
- Don't call 526-5738.
- 526-KPFT.
- If you don't support KPFT, maybe they'll go away.
- Then I'll be safe.