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The disorders began with a routine police raid on a homosexual bar, the Stonewall on Christopher Street.

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

We take 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 the classroom.

State Senator John Briggs has just conceded the election.

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.

[CROWD CHANTING] Right now! Right 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.

Gay and lesbian people singing out here. What's your reaction to that?

Well, I think it's terrible, if I had a rock I'd throw it at 'em.

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.

I have a dream today.

Come on and 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 this National March on Washington, DC, for Gay and Lesbian Rights and and choral reciting! Let's hear it out there! I'm Lea Delaria.

And I'm Bruce Hopkins.

I'm a dyke.

I'm a faggot.

And we're best friends!

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! Look at you! 500,000 strong! 500,000 strong! One of the largest marches in United States history! One of the largest marches in United States history! 500,000 strong!

[MUSIC PLAYING]

And destroy the myths, once and for all shot of them, we must continue to speak out. And most importantly, most importantly, every gay person must come out.

You must, as difficult as it is, as hard as it is, you must tell your immediate family. You must tell your relatives. You must tell your friends if indeed they are your friends. You must tell your neighbors. You must tell the people you work with. You must tell the people in the stores you shop in. And once you do, you will feel so much better.

Is this a rerun from last week?

Oh no, please!

It's not a rerun. It's *After Hours* on KPFT Houston, 90.1 FM, right?

Yeah.

And who's here with us this morning?

I am. This is Terry.

Terry's here. Matt's here. Matt just walked in. Is Alan out there yet?

No, Alan still hasn't come in.

Alan is still missing. He's missing at large. Alan, if you're listening, the phone number is 526-4000. And give us a call because we're getting ready to drag out the carpet for you. But the good news is, we're back on the air, and we're trying to catch up on some old *After Hours* programs. And we have some young *After Hours* guest in here this morning to tell you all about some wonderful things happening at the Community Gospel Church. Terry's directing the show this morning.

Take four.

No, we're not going to do that. No, Reverend Ron [? Pig ?] and Jan are here. Jan's church administrator, and I met Jan down on the streets of the Montrose one morning giving sandwiches to the hungry. And I thought that was really interesting, and we're going to be talking about that. We're also going to be talking about Reagan and the Man of the Year. And we're going to open the phone lines to take your calls, so who knows what's going to happen. You're listening to *After Hours* on KPFT Houston, 90.1 FM. And Terry, say something. Say anything. Don't just go uh-huh, uh-huh.

That's my cue, uh-huh, uh-huh, uh-huh.

We'll play some music, and we'll get into this in just a second, right?

Right.

Yeah. It's listener-sponsored Pacifica radio KPFT Houston, 90.1 FM, and its *After Hours*, radio celebrating life from the heart of the Montrose.

Hi, this is Scotty. It's a beautiful morning in Montrose. Out walking around, seeing all the nice people. And you're listening to *After Hours* on KPFT Houston, 90.1 FM.

Hi. This is Marty from the Club Body Center. We're all [INAUDIBLE]

[MUSIC PLAYING] It's a sin.

Have you heard that, Terry?

It's a sin.

It's a sin.

That's all I've heard all my life. I'm so sick of hearing that. It's a sin.

I hear that. I hear that.

This is The Pet Shop Boys and *It's a Sin*. And before that, *Heaven is a Place on Earth*. You're listening to *After Hours*, KPFT Houston. And this wonderful lady was down on the streets of Montrose one morning passing out sandwiches, right?

That's right.

To the hungry. And we need to pull that over.

Oh.

Thank you. Just like that. How's that?

That's fine.

There you go good morning. Welcome.

Good morning.

This is Jan. She's with the Community Gospel Church, and her pastor Reverend Ronnie back there smiling. We're getting him to say something. He's getting ready to shout I think. And y'all are down on Westheimer passing out food.

That's right.

Is it some kind of radical group down there passing out sandwiches to folks? What are y'all trying to do?

Well, it's been said that over the past few days, there's some radical people in our church for what we're doing.

[LAUGHTER]

How long has the church been here, Ronnie?

Pardon me.

How long has the church been here?

The church has been in existence for five years.

And it's located at 3014 Center Street.

Correct.

Started out down on Montrose Boulevard.

Right. 1700 Montrose.

I think I remember that entrance.

You remember that one, Ben?

Yeah, I remember that. It's Christmas time. Did everybody have a good Christmas?

Had a wonderful--

Wonderful.

Great. I had a great Christmas. I got a whole bunch of Christmas goodies.

Roger do you good?

Well, it's been a slim year. I mean, you know.

I hear that.

It's been a slim year at everybody's house. I told you the story of the lady last year that was-- huh?

Not mine.

Uh-oh.

[LAUGHTER]

Jan may have a sermon for us here in a minute.

That's right. She can do it.

[LAUGHTER]

But we were talking about Kroger and the little old lady and the hot dogs and the soup. And there are a lot of hungry people out there. And when I saw Jan and the folks from Community Gospel down on the streets of Westheimer, number one, I was interested because I know this is a group of, what's that h word that they tell me not to say? Homosexuals.

Homosexuals.

Homosexual people.

Gay people, gay men and women that are helping not only gay men and women, she told us the food was for the hungry. And I guess that could be anybody.

That's right.

And walking the streets of Westheimer, I see all kinds of people down there. So do you get a lot of strange looks or strange-- not strange people, because there are no strange people in the Montrose. Do you get a lot of strange looks from folks down there when you walk up to them and say, are you hungry or--

No. Never once.

Really?

Not that I felt anyway.

Well, it's Christmas time. Terry's here and Reverend Ron and Jan are here. And Alan's not here.

Again, Alan.

Alan, where are you?

Alan, this is two weeks in a row.

Anyway. We're going to look for Alan, we're going to listen to some more music, and I don't know what we're going to do. We're just going to have to stay tuned and see-- we could be watching-- well--

[LAUGHTER]

Arnold, you never had a good Christmas?

Did I say that?

When I was growing up, Christmas was wonderful. There was such joy. My parents loved each other. They'd stand there right in front of the fireplace, ma in her nightgown and pa in his cap. And they'd watch me open the gifts. You know, I never saw my father cry except for Christmas when he was watching me open my presents. He was so proud he could give to me. He loved me. The day I told him I was gay was the day Christmas died.

There are worse things. I could be watching a Perry Como Christmas special.

It sounds like a big order to feed the world.

It is.

Is it really?

It is.

Are there a lot of hungry people out there?

Well, they say they're over 10,000 homeless in Houston, so I'd say they're hungry.

10,000 homeless people in Houston. If you're gay or lesbian and you're listening to the program or you're just somebody that don't know what you are, you need somebody to turn to, there's a place called the Gay and Lesbian Switchboard. And they're open in the evening. You can call them at 529-3211. And Terry's laughing because I never get the phone number right. There's that hum right there. It's on the reverend's mic.

[LAUGHTER]

It's a Holy Ghost home.

Anyway, that was Band-Aid. And that song is a couple of years old, right?

Yep.

And I still like to play that around Christmas time.

It's still so true.

It really is. And there's still a lot of hungry people out there that are looking for help. You get a lot of people that say, you're just feeding them once, and they're going to go on, and they're still going to be hungry. Do you have anything else to offer them besides sandwiches?

Oh, yes, we do. We started with the food. And then after a certain period of time, they begin to develop a form of trust with us. They came back and ask us for things that they needed from clothing to ministering to their emotional needs and their spiritual needs. And asking us to take them to church and--

Church?

Then asking us to take them off the street.

You mean, there's a church that's got that h-word full of people in it?

A whole bunch.

Praising God or something?

Amen.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

[LAUGHTER]

Well, the Church of the Rock, they were here, and they got kind of carried away one morning. And there are gay people, men and women, they get together on Sunday morning and Tuesday nights and Wednesday afternoons and Saturday nights and you name it. And they're doing all kinds of things, right, Reverend Ron?

That's true. That's true.

What's going on at Community Gospel Church that we should know about?

We have, Buddy, so many exciting things-- excuse me-- going on at Community Gospel. One of the big things right now is our new street ministry, a new ministry of Community Gospel. In that aspect, we've purchased a concession van that we feed the hungry out of. We're now able to offer them not only sandwiches but hot food. And we take clothing down and are able to offer that as well as transportation to church.

When you see offer, how much does this cost?

It's free.

You mean you're actually giving away something down on the streets of Westheimer?

Absolutely.

The street to the Montrose?

Right on the corner of Taft and Westheimer.

I don't know. Y'all are going to give homosexuality a bad name if you're not trying to do something good. You know, speaking of something good, Pacifica ran a Christmas special New Year's Eve, and it featured the Reverend Allan Boesak from South Africa. And I want to play you just a little bitty piece of that before we get into anything else.

Reverend Boesak had a tremendous message of hope talking about King Herod. This is something that I'd like Ron to listen to some time, how he believed that Herod was alive and still searching out the king. And this is just a little bit of the Christmas special then we're going to listen to Hugh Maekela sing a little song called *Bring Them Home*.

And we'll be back to open the phone lines at 526-4000 if you have questions for Reverend Ron or Jan from Community Gospel Church. And if you have questions for Terry or if you know where Alan is, give us a call. So stay tuned. This is KPFT Houston, 90.1 FM.

When you in this week prepare yourself--

[MUSIC PLAYING]

Somebody asked me one time, why say anything about South Africa? It's so far away. Well, I'll tell you why. Because there are hundreds of thousands of people that are suffering down there. And I'm talking about suffering. They are really suffering. And the message if you missed it from Reverend Bousak on Christmas Eve here over Pacifica radio, you really miss something tremendous. Just like if you miss this program every week, you really miss something tremendous.

That's right.

Because we're in a country where we can come on the radio, 100,000 watts every Sunday morning and tell you just what we think. And I don't like what's going on here. I don't like the fact that there are over 25 million gay people who are afraid to tell their neighbors and their families and their employers and their friends and their pastors and their doctors and so on and so forth that they're gay. And I don't think you should have to live in fear.

But we live in a strange world. We live in a world where children are imprisoned just like he said before we heard Hugh Masekela sing about the imprisonment of Nelson Mandela. Nelson's been in jail for over 30 years, I think. It's incredible what's going on down there. Hundreds of children are in jail down there. Today as we speak, people--

I heard on a story on this program Sunday morning where a woman, her son had gone to school, 10 or 12 years old. And he had kissed his mother goodbye, gone to school, come back home. On the way home, there was a confrontation with the police. And the boy was shot and left lying in the street. And his mother heard about it.

They came and they said, your son's been shot. And he's lying down there in the street. And she went to the place where her son was lying in the street, and he was dying. And she wanted to get through the police lines. And one of the police officers hit her in the face with the butt of a rifle. And she said, "please, that's my son. I want to get to him before he dies." And the policeman said, "Let the bastard die."

Oh, no!

And I asked someone one time, how many gay people do you think there are in Houston? And she said, "Too damn many." And we sit around, I even did it tonight at work. I was talking to somebody about something that was happening at work, and somebody's being transferred to another division or whatever.

And she said, "I really don't want to go out there because there are too many faggots out there." And I just stood there with my mouth shut and didn't say a word. I could kick myself in the rear end for not saying something. And the good Lord, I said, "Lord, why did I just stand there and let her say that and not say anything?" We do it all the time.

Right. Right.

But if 25 million of us came out at once and stood up and said, "We're good people." I heard Reverend Troy Perry say one time, "We're God's people." Amen I heard someone say one time-- I can't remember her name. It wasn't Ruth Westheimer, I can guarantee you that that sex is not something that's nasty and we should be ashamed of. Sex is something that's given from God. I can't remember who said that. It might have been Troy Perry.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

Uh-huh.

But anyway, what we are saying to you is that homosexuality, that word that I can't say that scared me to death when I was a little kid, isn't as bad as you might think it is. And it's something that is here and it's not going to go away. And somebody said one time, why don't you quit talking about it? It'll just go away. And it's not going to go away. We're here.

And Roger and I were sitting on the sofa tonight watching the news getting ready to come down and do the show. And we found out that *Time* magazine has made Mikhail Gorbachev the Man of the Year. Can you imagine? What in the world? Who's running that magazine? Let's find the number to *Time* and give them a call. Here, Terry, where's that?

We need to call them up.

Get your phone line out now.

We need to call them up.

I don't want to call them. Can you imagine a place, a magazine that makes Gorbachev? I mean, he's the head red man, man.

He came over and swept them, though.

Oh, he came over and swept them for sure. In fact, the station manager, Jean Palmquist, we were talking out in the lobby one day and she came in and she was shaking her head and I said, what's the matter? And she said, did you hear what Gorbachev said? I said, no. She said that he said in one of his speeches while he was here in Washington that everyone should be afforded the opportunity to live a life of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

He must have read that on a monument or something on his way to wherever he was going, because I know that's not what they believe over there. In fact, they take their gay people and ship them off to Siberia somewhere where it's colder than it is right now in Houston. And it's cold. It's cold in Houston!

But it's warm in here this morning. And we got some warm people here to share with you. We want to open the phone lines at 526-4000. We're talking about Community Gospel Church and all the wonderful things they're doing down on the streets of Montrose. Jan's got on a Mickey Mouse ho-ho-ho- T-shirt.

That'll make you happy, bud.

Oh it looks wonderful. Then we got a lot of things are going to be talking about later on, including a police officer down in El Paso. She's a lesbian. Patricia Mitten, 27 years old, she was fired on September the 4th after an undercover agent saw her dancing, kissing, and touching a woman who was her date. It's just horrible to think a police officer would do that, especially in El Paso. This is reported in the *New Advocate*. We're going to be telling you about that later on.

And then the article we told you about last week and Larry Flynt famous *Hustler* magazine, we're going to be talking about that in the coming weeks. It's an article called Live It by Lining Up for the Camps. Talking about people that are being imprisoned as we speak because of testing positive for the AIDS virus.

And then we're also going to tell you about something that I feel is garbage that I just saw today on the shelves along with the *Time* Man of the Year. But it's a cover from *Cosmopolitan* January 1988. And the story, we'll get into that later on as the weeks go on. But the headline says, A Doctor Tells Why Most Women are Safe from AIDS.

And you all know that all these nice women out here don't have anything to worry about just like all these heterosexual men don't have anything to worry about because AIDS is something that God sent down to get rid of all those faggots. And by God, we're going to-- now that's Jerry Falwell show. We don't want to play that.

Hey, buddy, is Jerry here?

Jerry isn't here. I called him, and he don't want to talk to me.

He didn't want to talk to you?

No. Hey, Reverend Ronnie, have you ever had a squirrel get loose down there at the the church?

No. Not yet. I've been called squirrely and squirrels and everything else. But I have a friend, and one time, they had a squirrel get loose in their revival meeting. And if I-- how did that story go? It was just-- let me see.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

Hallelujah.

Terry, get off that table, I can just see a bunch of queens and the squirrel. And they raised \$50,000. \$50,000 was raised. What would we do if we had \$50,000, Terry?

Lord! Have a good time.

Well, what could we do with 50,000.

We could give it to KPFT for the transmitter fund.

That's right.

That's what we could do. We need it desperately.

We were knocked off the air on December the 6th, and it cost us \$50,000 to buy a brand new transmitter. And who's that on the line now? Well, the phone lines are open. But anyway, this transmitter that you're hearing us through sounds wonderful. And that's because it's \$50,000 worth of magic.

And the antenna repairs were about \$7,500, and KPFT had to borrow that money for a down payment. But we can always count on the wonderful people that have supported this station for the last 17 years, which 1988 is the 18th year that KPFT has been on the air. So the big 18.

Yeah!

I guess that means we can go out and have a drink now.

Yeah.

No. Not in Texas. It's 21.

OK.

So there you go. But if you want to help out, you can send your tax deductible donations to the KPFT transmitter fund at 419 Levitt Boulevard, Houston 77006. Also if you have a question for Reverend Ron or Jan with Community Gospel Church, give us a call right now at 526-4000, 526-4000. We want to hear from you. We also want to give you a KPFT program guide hot off the presses and an *After Hours* poster right, Terry?

That's right.

We've got some wonderful things coming up in 1988 including a live broadcast from-- well, I can't tell you the name of the club. But it's not Heaven. Our I messed that up. I started to say it's not hell, it's the other one but-- we're going to be doing a live broadcast the week of Gay Pride Week. That'll be wonderful, won't it? Four hours of live music.

Look at Jan over here just laughing. I don't know what she's laughing about. And then January the 3rd, which is next Sunday morning, we've got something very, very special for you. It's a program called Timeline. And Timeline traces important events in gay history starting back before the Stonewall riots and then sister Anita Bryant, hallelujah.

Oh, yeah!

Sister the orange juice queen is going to come in and tell her m and Harvey Milk's assassination is mentioned on that. And they look at the March on Washington and the Gay Games and the AIDS crisis and a whole lot more. This is a wonderful program produced by Greg Gordon from KPFK in LA coming to you on January the 3rd.

And then January the 10th, we've got a program called Diminished Capacity. We're going to take a look back at the life of Harvey Milk, the first openly gay candidate ever elected to a public office. And Harvey was assassinated 10 years ago, and it will be 10 years November the 27th. And this year, After Hours along with a lot of other folks in the gay community, we're going to plan a big memorial service down in front of that Reflection Pool down in front of City Hall to honor Harvey and his memory and all the wonderful things he stands for.

Jan, you were talking during the music about the sandwiches and passing out sandwiches in front of people. Do you have any problems? You know, Montrose on the streets in the middle of the night, it's not exactly the greatest place to be.

That's right.

Of course, you have the police down there to protect you, right?

Well, no, we have God to protect us. The police aren't doing too much of that.

What do you mean?

Well, we stand out there on that corner of Taft and Westheimer where we work from right now. And it's like standing on the edge of the pit of hell itself. You just hear the voices yelling help as they fall into it around you or stabbings and killings and muggings and prostitution and drugs and everything, everything all around you.

We did have a corner, and we had permission to be in that parking lot at that time by the people who ran that business. And one night, they put up a sign for sale and next night, they were gone when we came back so we no longer had formal permission to be there.

Did you have any problems from anybody? The city or the health department or the police or--

Very short time after we no longer had permission to be there, the policeman approached us on a Thursday night and told us that if we were back out there again that he would arrest me and put me in jail.

For what?

Just being there, he never did identify it. I asked him what the complaint was. He said I didn't need to know. I ask him, who complained? He said I didn't need to know.

Well, you can't be out. Homosexuals can't be passing out sandwiches to hungry people. We just can't have that in the streets of Houston. What about from the city? Any problems from no department? No, nothing yet. So all that's taken care of?

Well, God said he would go before us and prepare the way. And I think he's done that.

Amen.

Amen.

Terry, I know you can't just be sitting in there without anything to say and. I'm not coming in there and pulling your tongue out so--

No, I just like listening to her. Community Gospel has struggled so many years to get going, and they're finally on their feet and they're the starting gate, they're taking off now. And it's just really exciting to hear all the good things happening over there.

And I heard the pastor in there talking before the show. We heard that there might be a gay pride event involving all of the area Montrose-- not Montrose, but when we say Montrose Radio from the heart of Montrose, it doesn't necessarily mean physically in Montrose. It means a feeling, a feeling of gay pride, and a feeling that we're alive and well.

And I understand that a lot of the gay churches are going to be coming together for a wonderful celebration the week of Gay Pride Week hopefully the Sunday beforehand, before the parade and have a big tent service, maybe singing on the ground. Could we have that?

Wonderful. I've heard the choir down there. They're dynamite.

[LAUGHTER]

That'll be marvelous.

So there are a lot of wonderful things happening. Give us a call at 526-4000. We want to hear from you. We want to know what stirs your heart. We want you to get up off your butt and take pride and take a grip on life. Life is something that should be lived and enjoyed. And when pastor Laura was down here one night I said something to her, and I said, does Jesus have a sense of humor? We'll ask Reverend Ron the same thing. Does he?

He must. He created me.

[LAUGHTER]

Good answer.

How can you say to someone that you're gay? And I heard Troy Perry one time. He said he couldn't be a practicing homosexual and be a Christian. And I'm not a practicing homosexual because I figured it out years ago. And I've got it down to a fine art, I'm telling you. But how can you justify when someone comes to you, Ron, and says, how can you be gay and Christian?

Well, first off, buddy, I'm Christian first and gay second.

Amen.

Amen.

My life and my dedication to the Lord comes first, absolutely first and foremost. And to realize I think on an individual basis the person has to realize and come to the knowledge themselves that God loves them and that God created us all and God like the bumper sticker says, God don't make no junk. And so we're all created in his image, each individuals. And I know without a doubt that the Lord is in my life and that I have accepted him as the Lord of my life. And my gayness comes second to my Christianity.

Amen.

Well, if you have questions for Reverend Ron or Jan, give us a call at 526-4000. We want to hear from you.

(SINGING) All you gay women!

--from the kitchen of the pot pie and beautiful downtown mantras, and you are listening to After Hours on KPFT Houston, 90.1.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

Song's called *Lost Emotions*. Isn't that pretty?

That's pretty.

Beautiful.

It's a beautiful song. That's Ron Romanowski and Paul Phillips. And the lyrics--

(SINGING) I'm leaving on a journey--

--are something you just have to hear. And they used to play this all the time on Wilde 'N' Stein. Every Tuesday night, you can tune in here to KPFT in here. Wilde 'N' Stein it's the longest running gay men's program I think in the country. But the words are, I'm 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 him 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 then comes my favorite part of the song because I was alone for so many years and I wanted somebody special to come into my life. And one day that goodness of goodness that someone called Roger to me.

And this verse, 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 how many times do we sell ourselves out? Terry, do we do that intentionally, you think?

I don't think intentionally. I think it's just a no type that we have in our head, buddy. That you're bad, you're bad, you're bad, you're bad. And somewhere I read that you were good, you were good, you were good.

Amen.

What could that have been? I don't know. I just-- 1987 is coming to a close. It really is. And it's real scary because it seems like we just got started with 1987 and now it's a brand new year.

Brand new exciting year.

Yeah, a wonderful year.

Yeah.

I talked to my dearest friend in the world in New Orleans, and he says that wonderful things are going to happen in 1988. And I tend to agree with him. And I heard someone say, I don't know if it was Dr. King or Joan Baez, I can't remember, that we can't be free until-- that none of us can be free until all of us are free.

And you know, I was real depressed at work this past three or four weeks. Ask Roger. Get him in here. I've been a real downer. And number one, it's because I work for the city, everybody knows that. And things are not going too good down there, because just like any other city in the United States, we're understaffed or underpaid or underappreciated. [INAUDIBLE].

But it was just one of those weeks at work. Plus one of my supervisors is being transferred out. Her name is Ann and she's a wonderful lady, very, very pro-gay, very, very understanding, very loving, very warm, wonderful woman. She's being transferred to another division. Plus being involved with this show, I think every gay man and woman across the United States should stand up and say, enough of this.

That's right.

And we're going to be ourselves, and we're good people, and we're decent people. And if people don't like it, they can just-- well, I don't know what they can do.

They can turn their heads.

Yeah. They can just do it. And not even deal with them. I'm just not going to deal with those people anymore.

You know what I tell them? If they don't like me, I tell them they're missing a big blessing.

[LAUGHTER]

A big one!

What do you mean a big one? This is radio. This is not TV. Now, if it was television, you wouldn't see me [INAUDIBLE].

I'm trying to get the vision in their head.

[LAUGHTER]

Terry's a whole lot of love. And we've been wanting Terry to come down here and get involved with us. In fact, we've got a lot of people involved with us. Number one, Brian Kever does our news, and Brian's out for the end of the year celebrating I think. I don't know what he's doing.

Brian started last week.

Yeah. And then Mark Schmidt does our sports every week. And Mark is celebrating. I know where he is.

Oh, yeah?

And he's getting ready for next year. They've all got like the next couple of weeks off, because they know we've got this wonderful Timeline program next Sunday, and then the Diminished Capacity is a week after that. So I'm not going to let them say anything unless they just show up and they want to say something. But anyway, Roger and Matt are out there and we're waiting on your phone call. Jan and Ron are still here with Church Community Gospel--

--Gospel Church.

--Church.

A guy called in, Buddy, and wanted brother Ronnie to finish something he had started.

What's that?

About him being a Christian first and being gay second.

You know, Jan, you said something like that too when we were talking earlier.

Just briefly, when we started, this vision was poured out upon us on a street corner in Fort Worth on the 31st, on Halloween of all days, on Satan's day. And on the 2nd, we started that. And brother Ronnie chose the place that we were in. And he chose it by driving down Westheimer and talking to the people on Westheimer, are you hungry? Where do you sleep? What do you need? Can we help you?

And then that night on the 2nd, we started doing that. And one comment was made at least by some of our people that we need to start. It's a good place to start. That's helping our own people. And I said, fine, that's a good place to start. But all the people that we've taken off the street, we have a halfway house that have developed because of this street ministry. And those people are all straight.

That's Community House?

Yes.

When you say straight people, those are kids, young people?

Well, 19 to 26 years old And last Sunday, I took to church a group of older people, my age, your age people, not teenagers to church.

That's an old group.

That's old. And out of those six people we took to church on Sunday morning, not one of those people, buddy, knew that I was gay. And I love that. I think that's a wonderful testimony. That's what he told us to do, feed my sheep.

Ron, did you want to elaborate on that? How can you be gay and Christian?

Yes. The caller called in and asked the question I think of how would he respond to someone when they use the scripture in the Bible that says man shall not lay with men. I think the scripture that he's probably referring to is in Romans. And if you read up above that particular scripture in the book of Romans, you'll find out that those people were involved in idolatry, which in any form is sin.

And as a result of that idolatry, they're worshipping the goddess Diana, the goddess of fertility. And as acts temple worship were incorporating sex acts into the temple not only homosexual sex acts but bestiality and having sex with anything that would hold still long enough to have sex with. And which that, we know from the word of God is sin.

And so the answer to that question would be, well, you're not involved in pagan rituals or idolatry. And we believe as a group of Christian people that it's wrong for us to have sex with everybody anyway. We believe in monogamy. And when God gives you a life mate, that's exactly till death do you part.

Amen.

Amen.

Till death do you part.

Amen.

That sounds like heterosexual.

That's Christian.

What does the Bible say about homosexuality?

The word homosexual does not appear anywhere in the Bible.

Amen.

Not one place.

Well, what did the leader of this Bible thumper, this Jesus, what did he say?

Jesus himself never said one word about homosexuals.

Nothing.

He talked about liars, thieves, adulterers, fornicators, but never mentioned the word homosexual.

Amen.

And in the book of John, a familiar scripture to all of us, John 3:16 says, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth in him should have life."

What was that word?

Whosoever.

That doesn't say Southern Baptists?

No. Whosoever.

A Roman Catholic?

Just whosoever.

Or Jewish sinner, a Jewish or Presbyterian? What was that word again?

Whosoever believeth it in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. The next verse says, "For God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved."

So what message do you have for Houston's gay community this morning?

God loves you just as you are.

Amen.

Amen.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

That's Don Francisco. It's from an album called *Forgiven*. And I don't care where you've been sleeping. I don't even want to tell you where I've been sleeping.

Jan, you said you never heard that? That's nice. I was involved with a little church in Omaha, Nebraska one time. And there was a young man there by the name of Steve. And Steve sang a song called *He's Alive*. I don't think we've ever played that on the show. We might play that hearing a little bit.

It's a beautiful song.

That's wonderful.

This is *After Hours* on KPFT Houston, 90.1 FM. We're talking about the Community Gospel Church and all the wonderful things going on down there, right, Terry?

Right.

Great thanks.

And a lot of hungry folks out there. If you have questions for Reverend Ron or Jan about what they're doing down on the streets of Montrose, give us a call at 526-4000, 526-4000. We want to hear from you. Also, we want to give you the KPFT program guide hot off the presses and the *After Hours* poster.

And it'll tell you how you can send your money to the KPFT transmitter fund here at Pacifica's only, KPFT and help us get through this transmitter crisis. And it's real important that we get this money so we can do that. We don't want to do that because that didn't-- that is not-- Terry's learning how to use the board. And Terry, are you there? Terry, that card was what you call--

That was a bad cart?

No, it was a good cart. It's called what is not cued. We have a problem with cart machine. It just doesn't want to work. So we'll take that out, we'll put that in there.

You can send you money to--

You can send your money to KPFT transmitter fund, 419 Lovett Boulevard, Houston, Texas 77006. And if you can send a check for \$50,000, we'll pay for the transmitter, and then we'll go out and buy some new cart machines so when I punch the button, that won't happen next week.

And Betty and I will even come and do your windows.

Yeah. Let's try it again, and let's hear what Jean has to say about this.

Well, here's what's happening.

OK, here's Jean. Let's see.

On Sunday, December the 6th, those big storms whipped through West Houston. There were tornadoes and everything. Well, our antenna got hit by lightning in those storms, and it did damage to the transmitter, blew out some components. The engineers went out there, put in a spare tube, and they needed to get a new stack of diodes. They got those diodes Tuesday night, went back out to the transmitter, put in the diodes, cranked it up to 100,000 watts, watched it for a couple hours. Everything looked fine.

Well, then Wednesday morning, we went off the air. The engineer goes back out to the transmitter. And here when he opens the door, he smell smoke. And here, are the tubes have burned up. The diodes have been reduced to a powder laying on the bottom of the transmitter floor. And just about everything in that transmitter that could burn up did burn up.

So as a result, we had to get a new transmitter. And we were lucky that we could borrow money from the Pacifica Foundation from the emergency fund. We were also lucky because we found it the kind of transmitter that we wanted right up in Dallas. And we were able to wire the money to Dallas, get the transmitter, truck down to Houston on Friday night. The engineers worked all weekend.

The tower climber had to go up, take the tower down piece-- the antenna down piece by piece. Had to clean it all out repair some broken pieces. And then Sunday, it started to rain. It was too windy to finish the job. Monday, we got more rain and cold front blew through. They couldn't finish the job. Finally, Tuesday about 6 o'clock in the evening, we got back on the air.

OK, Jean.

And we were off the air for just about a week.

We get the picture.

OK, Jean.

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We get a brand new transmitter. We have a backup transmitter. We get better grounding on the tower. And all in all, we've got a better signal. And how's that for luck?

[LAUGHS]

I didn't hear what you said, baby, because Jean and you and everybody's all on the same-- What'd you say?

Just couldn't shut her up.