

[MUSIC PLAYING]

(SINGING) Some of us were born in this city on the bayou. Some of us came looking for the sun. To build the kind of town that would open up its arms to anyone who'd worked to get things done.

Now all of us call Houston home. And we're the hometown crowd. And we're here to stay forever.

Give a big thumbs up together. Because every one of us is Houston proud. Houston proud-- proud of the things we've done together, proud enough to stand and sing in love.

We believe there's no place better. That's why we call it home. And we're all Houston proud.

This is Buddy Johnston. You're about to hear the *After Hours Program* broadcast on KPFT, FM 90.1 in Houston, Texas on Sunday, September the 27th. My guest in the studio with me that morning was Robert Hodge of the Montrose Counseling Center.

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

Gay and proud, gay and proud.

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

People of Dade County has said, enough, enough, enough.

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 classrooms.

State Senator John Briggs has just conceded.

[YELLING]

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.

Quiet down, quiet down.

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.

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

I think it's terrible. 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 our others across America. And we shouldn't have to be.

That's what the gay movement's about.

Harvey Milk.

After I got elected, I got the phone call I knew I'd eventually get-- got quite a few of them. One was from a 17-year-old child in a small town in Minnesota. And the boy is handicapped. And the boy's parents found out he's gay, and they want to put him in an insane asylum. And that boy needs help.

And the gay movement is about the letter I got from Southwest Africa when he read about a gay person getting elected here. And that person has hope.

I think Harvey Milk did a lot.

And that 17-year-old kid in Minnesota has hope.

I used to be really afraid. Since people like Harvey Milk and other people, I got-- it made me realize that I was OK.

[DANCE MUSIC]

Good morning, Houston. It's 2:05 AM. My name is Buddy Johnston. This is the *After Hours Show*, radio celebrating life, from the heart of the Montrose on Houston's KPFT Pacifica Radio, 90.1 FM.

[DANCE MUSIC]

We've got a lot for you this morning on this show. Bob Hodge with The Montrose Counseling Centers in the studio with us. And we're going to open the phone lines up so you can talk to Bob about the Counseling Center and all the wonderful things going on there.

[DANCE MUSIC]

We're also going to be talking about the Bork confirmation hearings, which are being carried here live on KPFT. A few other things, including *Before Stonewall* at 2:30.

Got some naughty music for you from Rusty Warren. You need to stay tuned for that.

If you have any birthdays or anniversaries you'd like us to announce or any dedications that you'd like us to do during the program, give us a call at 526-4000. This is *After Hours Radio*, celebrating life from the heart of the Montrose.

[DANCE MUSIC]

(SINGING) Music, more money, and a rhythm.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

Well, good morning, Bob Hodge.

Good morning, Buddy Johnston of the Montrose Counseling Center. How are you doing this morning?

I'm doing all right. It's early, isn't it?

It is early.

And late, depending on how you look at it.

Well, it's a quarter after 2:00. We're here every week at this time on KPFT.

I know, good show.

[LAUGHS]

We're getting a lot of good response from the community. So we're glad to be here and glad to be doing what we can to get people through the day late Saturday night hour into Sunday morning.

If you're trying to weave your way home from the bars this morning, be careful and drive safely. Put those seatbelts on and obey all traffic laws.

In the meantime, we're going to be talking about the Montrose Counseling Center and opening the phone lines to your calls at 526-4000 for Bob and myself.

We're going to be talking about the history of the Center and a lot of the programs that are offered by the Center, and a lot of other things on the *After Hours Program* this morning.

To get us there, going to listen to more music.

[MUSIC - PATRICK COWLEY, "MEGATRON MAN"]

This is called "Megatron Man" from Patrick Crawley from the early '70s. And you're on *After Hours*, KPFT Houston, 90.1 FM.

[MUSIC - PATRICK COWLEY, "MEGATRON MAN"]

Nelson Mandela, still in prison after all these years. Roger-- I just love you, Roger. I just sent him out in the lobby to answer the phones. The lines are open at 526-4000, 526-4000. Roger's my other half.

And he was in here telling Bob about the apartheid and how that since it's become fashionable for people to become interested in such things, that everybody and their mom is talking about apartheid in South Africa. And this has been going on for what? 30 years.

30, 40 years.

40 years.

Hundreds of people have died and hundreds more have been imprisoned. And the abuse and the political unrest keeps going on. So it's just because we're not aware a lot of times, I guess, of what's happening around us.

Just like right now in our nation's capital there's a young man by the name of Robert Bork that wants to sit on the Supreme Court. And Judge Bork has what I consider some rather bizarre ideas about how life should be. And should he be confirmed by the Senate, he could change history.

We were told that by Congresswoman Pat Schroeder last week on our newscast. She was running for president. I don't have the address with me for Lloyd Bentsen's office, but Senator Bentsen has not yet decided on how he will vote on the Bork confirmation.

And we're encouraging everyone to contact Senator Bentsen's office. I'll try to get that phone number before we go off the air.

In the meantime, we've got more music for you, a lot of other things happening. Bob's here with us this morning with The Montrose Counseling Center. And we're going to be talking about all the wonderful things at the Counseling Center.

We've got our *Before Stonewall* segment coming up in just a second.

They've got to understand something. They've got to understand something. We are not talking about class politics. This is not a movement from the waist down.

We are talking about our right to love and to choose and to live. And I don't care about straight tolerance! And I don't care about straight understanding!

You better hear me in Washington! We are demanding-- we are demanding our civil rights!

Hi, this is Doreen from Basic Brothers. We're glad to be a part of the Montrose community. And you're listening to *After Hours* on KPFT Houston, 90.1 FM.

Bob, what we got playing right now?

Well, it looks like "Boys Do Fall in Love."

Uh-oh.

True statement and a true song.

Yeah, yeah.

And this is *After Hours* on KPFT Houston.

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[JAZZ MUSIC]

Well, that can only mean one thing--

Sounds like Rusty Warren to me.

It sounds like Rusty Warren time. This is *Before Stonewall* on *After Hours*. Each week at this time in the show, we dig up something kind of naughty for you. Well, it's not really naughty.

Certainly isn't feminist.

They thought it was naughty back in the '60s and '70s.

But our selection tonight is Miss Rusty Warren singing a little tune called "Knockers Up." So without further ado, Bob, let's get Rusty in here.

What about the cute little couple got married. Now you were married nine years ago. I wonder if this happened to you?

You got through with the wedding and the party and everything. And you're finally sort of very relaxed and you're up in your hotel room. And this is sort of the first evening together. And you have a few drinks and often whatever it was left over from the chicken salad-- you know, leftover canopies and junk and everything.

And you sort of sit there. And before you know it, he says to you, dear, we're married. Why don't you go make yourself comfy.

And she says. oh wonderful, I want to get out of these clothes anyway. She goes in and she showers and bathes and carries on and she comes out. And she's got a big towel wrapped around her.

And he says, well, my dear, we are married now, you can drop the towel.

And she says, well, all righty. And she does. And he goes, oh-- oh my heavens!

She says, what's the matter, dear?

He says, may I take a picture of you.

She's says, like this? She says, well, what do you want this for.

He says, I want to carry it close to my heart for the rest of my life.

So he takes a picture. And finally she feels sort of ridiculous sitting there and he's still in a tuxedo.

[LAUGHING]

And she says, dear, why don't you go make yourself comfy?

And he goes in, takes a bath, washes up and everything. And he comes out, he's got a little tea towel around him.

[LAUGHING]

And she says, well, dear, you know, we're married now. Go make yourself comfy, you can drop the towel.

And he does. And she goes, oh-- oh, may I take your picture?

And he flexes his muscles. He says, well, yes dear. What do you want to do with it?

She says, I want to have it enlarged.

[LAUGHING]

Who said they're married to a man for nine years? And you know he won't cheat because he still loves you-- he's mesmerized. You've kept yourself beautiful. You're a very nice looking gal.

You got a little mink, dear. You work hard and next year you'll get the whole coat.

[LAUGHING]

It's nice. Oh no, we had quite a few of those minks around here tonight. It's nice of you to come down here in this particular area of Florida and wear the kosher windbreaker.

[LAUGHING]

These sort of funksies. But we, of course, we girls figure that we have a lot to project in this world today. Every one of us feel that, after all, that these these men are campaigning to give the best that they have.

Then we, of course, must campaign to give the best of what we have. So if I may, I would like to do a number for the young ladies to prove that we do have something to give. Are you girls ready?

(SINGING) Knockers up, knockers up, knockers up. Ladies, get your knockers up. Hey, ho, holler up. Hey, ho.

Come on there, girls! Roll those shoulders back and get your knockers up. Put a big smile on the world today. Come on, now. Come on, you're lagging, dear.

Get those shoulders back, get those knockers up. There we go. Now doesn't that make your navel tingle?

[LAUGHING]

Come on there, darling. Back with the shoulders, round about. Throw your knockers up and out. Hup 2, 3, 4. Hup, 2, 3.

Oh, come on, girls, you're looking wonderful. This will go through. You're going to be very, very vibrant. Give it try, babe. Come on, babe. Come on, dear.

Throw your shoulders back. Get your knockers up, up, up, up, up, up, up, up, up, up. There we go. We're about to start our march of the knockers.

If the ladies get up and marched through the room with their knockers held high, [INAUDIBLE] army that we have something to give in the world today. Are you ready to commence the march of the knockers! Ladies, march!

Back with the shoulders, round about. Throw your knockers up and out. Hup, 2, 3, 4. Hup, 2, 3, 4. Hup, 2, 3, 4. Hup, 2.

Ladies, you're not marching.

[LAUGHING]

Come on, it's an easy thing to do. I bet when you go home, you'll march right through your living rooms. With your knockers held high, and you'll look over to your husband and say, look, George, my knockers are up, come catch me.

[LAUGHING]

Ah, yes, but you working girls who go back into the office tomorrow, I want you to do me a little favor. I want you to throw your shoulders back, get your knockers up. Put a big smile on your face and your boss will look at you and say, hot damn, Beatrice got her knockers up.

[LAUGHING]

Knockers up, everybody! Hey, ho!

Hi, this is Kevin.

This is Ron.

And we're from the Gay and Lesbian Switchboard, Houston. And you're listening to *After Hours* on KPFT Houston, 90.1 FM.

[MUSIC - RITCHIE VALENS, "LA BAMBA"]

We're laughing. I asked Bob if I dared to try--

I wonder--

An album on another station one time several weeks ago that was playing something like that. And the DJ went--

[FLUTTERING TONGUE]

I can't do it so I'm not going to try to do it, but anyway.

Good way to scare people at this hour of the morning, Buddy.

They might think it's time to get up and go to work if they heard something like that. I'd like to introduce you to Robert Hodge, better known as Bob. Bob's with The Montrose Counseling Center. Glad you came by to be with us on the show this morning.

Thanks, Buddy, this is fun. I'm glad to be here.

How long has the Counseling Center been around? Let's talk about history and where we're located and all that kind of stuff to get started. Give us an overall look at what we're going to be talking about during the next couple of hours.

Sure. The Counseling Center started as a brainchild of William Scott, noted social worker here in the city. In 1978, early '78, Bill was and some other folks were sitting around noticing the fact that there were not any mental health services for the gay, lesbian, bisexual community of the city, and wanted to do something about it.

And so they got together and formed the Montrose Counseling Center. The Counseling Center was incorporated in December the 18th, 1978. And in early '79, operations began in the location where we are now, which is at 900 Lovett.

Right. Before we go any further, I want to remind our listeners, if you have questions for Bob about the Counseling Center during the show, feel free to call us at 526-4000, 526-4000. We'll try to get to those questions as soon as we can.

Bob, what are some of the programs that are offered by the Counseling Center?

Well, we have several programs. We started off initially, Buddy, just with having general psychotherapy on an individual-type basis. And now what we have is our general services comprise individual and group psychotherapy. We also have the Women's Program that has, among other things, on the first and third Wednesdays of the month, Women's Network, designed as an information exchange for the women in our community.

We have the largest and most extensive AIDS department in the city to provide psychological support for persons with AIDS, ARC, and their significant others.

And then, of course, we have my program. I'm the director of the MORE Program, which is the Substance Abuse Program at the Counseling Center. We're the only gay, lesbian agency to be licensed by the state of Texas to deliver this service.

And we're also the only gay, lesbian outpatient treatment program for alcoholism and drug addiction between New York and Los Angeles. So we're fairly proud of that.

That says quite a lot, doesn't it.

Yeah, it does. Especially for the city of Houston.

Well, we're luckier in Houston than a lot of other places in Texas, particularly, because the Montrose community is very supportive of the various activities and tries to take care of itself so well, Buddy.

I went by the Counseling Center Friday morning and you gave me a tour. And what kind of staff do you have normally other than the folks that I met? Because it seemed like a very small staff for such a big operation.

Well, during the day, we're a bit underutilized. Most of our activity takes place at night. We have a staff of 13 therapists that work there and support staff in terms of paid folks of three-- the executive director, director of operations, and our receptionist/clerical person. So we've got 16 people that work there.

In the evenings, the place is fairly hopping. What was the gentleman's name that was answering the phones? It started out as a volunteer.

His name is Bill Sloan.

Bill, that's right.

Yeah, he's been with us for four years now.

So there are volunteer positions?

We log over 1,000 hours a year in volunteer positions. None of our staff therapists or volunteers-- it's all paid positions. But for mailings, for clerical-type work, accounting work, that sort of thing, we have volunteers to do that.

When someone comes to the Counseling Center for help in any of the programs that you mentioned, there is a small fee or a fee that's regulated by their income. Is that correct?

There's a sliding fee scale.

A sliding fee scale.

Right.

And the best thing to do would be to contact the Counseling Center and ask them what it would be, because it's based on income.

I don't want to put you on the spot, but Friday morning you mentioned something about some federal money or some state money that had been allocated to a program that you had that people weren't aware of. What was it?

Well, the Substance Abuse Program.

Substance Abuse.

The MORE Program.

Which we'll be talking about in detail more as the show goes on.



You bet. But our first grant that we received from anybody was from the state of Texas, from the Texas Commission on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse. And that sponsors most of the people that go through treatment at the Counseling Center for substance abuse. No one is turned away solely because of inability to pay. And the state picks up the tab for that.

Right.

We're the only gay, lesbian agency in Texas that the Commission sponsors under that. And we've got access to a fair amount of grant money. But it's very difficult for people to know that we're even around. We are obviously small and non-profit and don't hit the streets the way some of the other folks do.

Right.

If you have any questions for Bob, feel free to call us here at station at 526-4000, 526-4000. Or you can always get information about the Montrose Counseling Center and all the services in the Montrose area by calling the Gay Switchboard at 529-3211.

It's about 13 minutes before 3 o'clock. At 3:00, we have our news break. Right now we're going to listen to something that I got from Greg Gordon out at Pacifica.

By the way, the opening montage-- is that a correct word?

That'll do.

The opening montage was from a program called *Timeline* that Greg produced back a couple of years ago. *Timeline* takes a look back at some of the most important events in gay and lesbian history. And we're going to be airing that program in its entirety here on *After Hours* hopefully around Thanksgiving or the end of the year. I'll keep you updated on that.

We've also got a special program coming up about Harvey Milk and his life and hopes and dreams and sub--

That'll be a good one.

And death. It's a very good program. These were all produced by Greg Gordon and many of the fine people out at KPFA in Los Angeles and Berkeley. And a lot of this stuff came from the Pacifica Library, which the archives is just stuffed with hours and hours of recording stuff. And this is all real good stuff.

Our gay history is something to celebrate, too.

It really is.

And be very much of proud of.

It really is. The weekend of the 11th, we're going to be bringing you the rally from the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights live here on KPFT. We're still waiting to hear the exact broadcast dates. But we'll get all that out to you as soon as we hear about it.

We're also going to be looking back at the 1979 March through the *Timeline* program that we just mentioned. Greg did a bit on that that's really informative. And I think you'll enjoy it.

You can get the Counseling Center. I see the number here-- 529-0037, 529-0037-- during regular business hours. And we're going to listen to a thing right now that came from one of Greg's programs. This is Pat Parker. And I think that's all I need to say.

For the straight folks who don't mind gays but wish they weren't so blatant.

[LAUGHING]

You know, some people got a lot of nerve. Sometimes I don't believe the things I see and hear. Have you met the woman who was shocked by two women kissing, and in the same breath tells you that she's pregnant? But gays shouldn't be blatant.

Or the straight couple, sits next to you in a movie. And you can't hear the dialogue because of the sound effects. But gays shouldn't be blatant.

And the woman in your office, spends your whole lunch hour talking about her new bikini drawers and how much her husband likes them. But gays shouldn't be blatant.

Or the hip chick in your class, rattling a mile a minute, while you're trying to get stoned in a john, about the camping trip she took with her musician boyfriend. But gays shouldn't be blatant.

You go in a public bathroom. And all over the walls, there's John loves Mary, Janice digs Richard, Pepe loves Dolores, et cetera. But gays shouldn't be blatant.

Or you go to an amusement park and there's a tunnel of love and pictures of straights painted on the front and grinning couples coming in and out. But gays shouldn't be blatant.

Fact is, blatant heterosexuals are all over the place-- supermarkets, movies, at work, in church, in books, on television every day and night, every place, even in gay bars. And they want gay men and women to go hide in the closets.

So to you straight folks, I say, sure, I'll go if you go too. But I'm polite, so after you.

[LAUGHING]

Thank you.

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 working out to the beat of *After Hours* on KPFT Houston, 90.1 FM.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

[SPEAKING FRENCH]

I think that's how you say it. Roger's a French major and he always tells me when I mispronounce his name.

Before that, we heard Madeline Kahn, and "You Can." This is *After Hours* on KPFT Houston, 90.1 FM, a listener-sponsored Pacifica radio.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

And now, *After Hours* on KPFT Houston brings you the news with Brian Keever, Sports with Mark Schmidt, and our Community Bulletin Board Church Report from Alan Sands. It's radio celebrating life from the heart of the Montrose. And it's time now for the news.

[MUSIC - SISTER SLEDGE, "WE ARE FAMILY"]

Good morning, Houston, Montrose, and the world. This is Brian with *After Hours News*.

Openly gay US Congressman Gerry Studds was in Dallas last night to keynote the Dallas Soiree for Human Rights. An overflowing crowd of tuxedo-clad people raised a large amount of money for their community. Congratulations, Dallas.

Amiga, a new group forum for lesbian Latinos is here in Houston. They're near and dear. For information, call Lora. It's 789-1486.

Dateline Houston-- an explosive race for District C City Council Race has erupted with five candidates vying for the powerful gay bloc vote here in Montrose.

A major goal of the city's Annual Garden Party has been to satisfy one of the AIDS foundation's Houston's budgets for an entire year. Yes, indeed, they did this. Their donation this year, which was large, will cover the total amount budgeted for the AFH Utility Assistance for a whole year. Congratulations, Houston, and to the Garden Party.

Tonight, we are the first gay and lesbian group to hold an event in the nation's first capital, announced Executive Director Sherry Cohen. Tonight, we inaugurate a new era for this nation, an era in which we will educate the country about the truth and worth of our lives, and extend democracy to every citizen.

Where was this? This was in Washington, DC for the Fund for Human Dignity's 10th Annual Awards Dinner. It was held in the very first United States Capitol building exactly 198 years ago after George Washington was inaugurated there.

The elegant Federal Hall, a national landmark, served as the classic setting for the Fund's formal yet friendly evening. Amid dancers in revolutionary dress, a '40s style swing band, and a lavish buffet, over 300 fun supporters.

Humanitarian awards were presented to the United States Congressman Bill Green and Ted Weiss for their work in contributing to and helping support gay rights legislation and increased AIDS funding.

An Award of Merit was presented to the Island Club's president, Bluefish. The Howard J. Brown Award was given to David Bunnell, the editor in chief of *PC World Magazine*, in recognition of his strong and selfless stand against the Georgia anti-sodomy laws.

Television and radio personality Dr. Ruth Westheimer was in attendance. She was lauded as Educator of the Year for her work in bringing AIDS education and information to the public.

Turning to politics, Sunday, October the 4th is the deadline to register for vote in Houston. Gay and lesbian political caucus, which has signed up several hundred voters this month, will continue to register people throughout October 4. This is one of the gay community's most critical elections, observed GLPC President Annise Parker.

Five candidates are campaigning hard for the District C Council Race this year vacated by George Greanias. Our gay block vote can make or break a candidate in District C if ever gay man and lesbian registers to vote.

The caucus has screened people like Hill, District C hopefuls, and numerous other candidates, but will not endorse candidates until the October 7 GLPC meeting. The caucus will also consider endorsing parimutuel horse betting and dog racing.

[INAUDIBLE] Hotel, 2828 Southwest Freeway at 7:30 PM is their endorsement meeting. Everyone is invited to attend.

Remember, October 11-- the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights. For love and life, we're not going back.

I will be going to Washington DC myself. And I will be coming back to Houston to report. Remember, you can listen to the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights right here on KPFT, 90.1, your voice in the community. Back to the station.

[MUSIC - SISTER SLEDGE, "WE ARE FAMILY"]

(SINGING) Ah, yeah, we're having fun. Life-- life has just begun for me, made me and my family. Hey, hey, hey. Aha, aha, oh, oh, oh, oh, aha, yeah, get up. Get up and sing, yeah, sing it.

We'd like to say good morning to Jim and all the guys over at the Omega House. We sure appreciate the work you're doing here in the community. Thanks, Jim.

[MUSIC - SISTER SLEDGE, "WE ARE FAMILY"]

(SINGING) Hey, hey, hey, hey, hey, hey.

[GUITAR MUSIC]

Good morning. I'm Alan Sands, bringing you information from the Community Bulletin Board.

Metropolitan Community Church's Education Program begins its fall quarter of classes this month with offerings continuing through December. September and October classes explore individual motivation with Fulfill Your Life and Take Control of Your Life.

Things They Never Taught you in Sunday School, beginning September 22, is a primer for the Christian homosexual. The course is geared towards overcoming the guilt and pain inflicted upon lesbians and gays in the name of religion.

The Community Forum seminars will return in November featuring Investing-- Wills and Estate Planning, and Funeral Memorial Planning.

A study and discussion course titled, Homosexuality and Developing a Positive Christian Ethic is scheduled for November and is designed to develop a positive individual walk with God. The course considers spiritual and sexual perspectives, and will also explore historical and current topics pertaining to homosexuality and Christianity.

MCCR's Education Program features a distinguished and experienced faculty, including MCCR's Reverend Elder John Gill and local professionals. Courses are open to all without regard to church membership or educational background. While most courses have a nominal fee, scholarships are available to those unable to afford the fees. For more information or to obtain a class schedule, please call the church office.

MCCR's cause Music Festival this year will be held from October 2 through the 4. Workshops for directors, choir members, and instrumentalists are being offered, along with a special music program on Saturday night the 5th.

Dawn of Faith, Metropolitan Community Church in Galveston, will be holding an AIDS Vigil of Prayer, October 16 through 18, with project Inasmuch hosting the Saturday Night service.

Church of the Rock is celebrating its third anniversary this weekend. The party held at the church last night was reported as a great success. And this morning's service at 10:30 AM should be exciting as well.

During the month of October on Friday nights at 8:00 PM, Church of the Rock will be holding study classes on the Book of Revelations. All are invited to attend and bring bibles, tape recorders, pens, and paper, et cetera.

The MCCR publication, *Focus on the Church News*, and the *Church of the Rock Newsletter* are available at the Montrose Mining Company, JR's, Heaven, Kindred Spirits, Romeos, Charlies, and other places in our community.

Anyone interested in forming the Strake Jesuit Gay Alumni Association call Roger at 529-4636.

The Women's Group meets every Sunday at 10:00 AM at the First Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin. All women who have an interest in discussions of a religious, social, and political nature relative to their survival and happiness as women are welcome.

Kingdom Community Church will offer the Bethel series, a Bible study program which will begin on October 7.

Bering Memorial Church has opened a dental clinic for PWAs, and will be presenting an evening of hope to benefit their new clinic and counseling program at the premiere of the production, *Hence Forward*, at the Alley Theater on October 3.

Whether you're married or single, if you're a gay man and have children, you may be interested in the Gay Fathers Group, a support and discussion group dealing exclusively with the problems a gay father can face.

The Lambda Center at 1214 Joe Annie is the meeting place for the Lambda Chapter of Alcoholics Anonymous and related groups, including groups specifically for women and Spanish-speaking people. For more information on Lambda Alcoholics Anonymous, you can call the Lambda Center.

For more information on any gay and lesbian activities, call the Gay and Lesbian Switchboard at 529-3211.

If your organization would like *After Hours* to announce its activities, you can send information to-- After Hours, care of KPFT, 419 Lovett, Houston, Texas 77006.

I'll be in Dallas in a few hours singing with the MCCR Houston Choir as guests of the MCC in Dallas. This afternoon, we'll be marching in the Dallas Gay Freedom Parade. I'll tell you all about it next Sunday.

I'm Alan and I wish you a week full of blessings. You're listening to *After Hours* on KPFT Houston, 90.1 FM.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

(SINGING) Some of us were born in this city on the bayou. Some of us came looking for the sun to build the kind of town that would open up its arms to anyone who'd work to get things done.

Now all of us call Houston home. And we're the hometown crowd. And we're here to stay forever.

Give a big thumbs up together.

'Cause everyone of us is Houston proud.

Houston proud-- proud of the thing's we've done together. Proud enough to stand and sing in love.

We believe there's no place better. That's why we call it home.

And we're all Houston proud.

[MUSIC - BRUCE HORNSBY, "THE WAY IT IS"]

That's Bruce Hornsby and the Range from their first album, and "The Way It Is." A lot of people seem to be content, Bob, to sit back and say, well, that's the way it is. We'll just go with the flow.

Well, a lot of people aren't. And those are a lot of the folks that we see. They want things to be a little better than they are.

Yeah, if they want to confirm Judge Bork, well, that's the way it is. My little phone call is not going to make a difference.

I understand from Roger getting a call in the lobby that the Pro-Bork numbers are higher than the anti-Bork numbers in Senator Bentsen's office right now.

Isn't that unusual.

It certainly is. I have a couple of things in front of me. The Bork hearings, of course, are being carried here on KPFT. And after I told you, I didn't have the address to Senator Bentsen's office. We looked up and it's right in front of me. That's 703 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC, 20510.

You can write to Senator Lloyd Bentsen, 703 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington DC, 20510, and express your views, either pro or con, for the confirmation of Judge Bork.

You can also telephone them here locally in Houston at 229-2595, 229-2595. And the elections are just around the corner-- October the 4th, I believe. I'm not certain when the final day is to go down and become a registered voter, if you've moved or something.

But you can find out how. And you need to be registered. You can become a registered voter if you live in the Harris County area, especially in the city Houston.

District C is heating up right now to be a very important race. Councilman Greanias normally was on our program with this. But he is not on the air this morning. And that's because he is running for another office.

To register to vote or to get information on voter registration, call the Harris County Voter Registration Office at 224-1919, 224-1919.

Also in front of me there are a couple of things here. Mike Muller is to warn Houston of nuclear waste that threatens Texas. It says Muller, an authority on the subject, will speak at a meeting called by the Nuclear Safety League Sunday-- that's today-- at Number 4 Chelsea Place. That's the Women's Center here in the Montrose area.

Admission is Free City. Councilman George Greanias and others will be there. That's going to be this afternoon from 2:00 until 4:30 at Number 4 Chelsea Place, the Women's Center, sponsored by the Nuclear Safety League.

Also, another flyer that says, "Do you want a Supreme Court justice who thinks there is no right to privacy in the Constitution?" It says we are only one justice away from injustice.

Join many concerned citizens and organizations in opposing the nomination of Robert Bork to the Supreme Court on issues of affirmative action, legal abortion, and civil rights. He could set us back decades.

And not only civil rights, but gay and lesbian rights and women's rights and Black rights and everyone's rights. If you don't make that call to Senator Lloyd Bentsen's office, then you can't say, well, I did what I could do. So join with the rest of us that want to voice our opinion against Bork, and contact Senator Bentsen and let him know how you feel.

Bob's with us from the Montrose Counseling Center this morning. And the song we just heard was called "The Way It Is." And a lot of times people think, especially people that might have a drug or alcohol problem, that that's just the way it is. And it's certainly not that way, is it?

No, it's not. And there's a lot of myths about alcoholism and drug abuse. And that somehow or another, people are morally weak that are addicted to the substances. And one doesn't have to live that way. It's real sad.

What can you tell us, Bob, about the Substance Abuse Program offered by the Counseling Center?

Well, we've got a couple of things going now as a result of this state's Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse being very supportive of the gay, lesbian community. We've been very lucky in terms of their funding for us so that we can offer things to people that don't necessarily have the funds to pay.

We've got a six-week intensive outpatient program. Everything we do at the Counseling Center, Buddy, is offered on an outpatient basis. So folks can keep their jobs and stay home with their lovers and basically come see us in the evenings.

The Counseling Center believes that's very important in therapy, right?

You bet it does.

To not interrupt your normal activities.

Exactly. It's real important, particularly in dealing with substance abuse issues, that people can remain in their own environment and get the help that they need and have their lovers participate in this activity with them in the recovery process. The lovers are invited on Tuesday nights.

Right.

To the six-week sessions. And folks come in and they're with us five nights a week for six weeks.

After they've been clean and sober for six weeks, then they're eligible for a supportive program that runs for 12 weeks. And it's one group a week. And you see a therapist once a week in individual counseling.

And it's one of those, now that I'm clean and sober and my boss still yells at me, and the cat is still breaking vases in the house. What do I do, since I don't drink anymore?

There has to be other alternatives or other outlets for that energy, right?

Exactly. And it's helping to deal with some of the stress. You know, Buddy, alcoholism affects our community at three times a greater rate than it does the majority culture.

And a lot of that is some of the stuff that have been played and talked about tonight. And it's the oppression that goes on from the outside. We have other issues that we're dealing with.

And taking a gay and lesbian substance abuser and putting them in a majority culture treatment center isn't always as helpful as people might think it would be.

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