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BUDDY Hey, you want to hear a secret? My name is Buddy, and I work as a dispatcher for the Houston Police

JOHNSTON: Department. But every Sunday morning from 2:00 until 4:00 AM, I sneak into KPFT studios with my friends and start pushing buttons.

VARIOUS SPEAKERS: (CHANTING) What do we want? Gay rights. When do we want it? Now. What do we want? Gay rights. When do we want it? Now. What do we want? Gay rights.

BUDDY Well, actually it's no secret. My name is Buddy Johnston, and I produce a program here at KPFT every week

JOHNSTON: called *After Hours* with a lot of my friends. *After Hours* is music, news, special features, and interviews all brought to you by Houston's gay and lesbian community, and it's heard every Saturday night after the bars close real early Sunday mornings from 2:00 until 4:00 AM. If you want to know what's going on in Houston's gay and lesbian community, why not tune into *After Hours* right here on KPFT Houston 90.1 FM. Just listen and hear what you've been missing.

[VOCALIZING]

What was that? Why? Why you pointing your finger at me?

HOST 2: Well, I see that light on. Doesn't that mean that we're on the air and people are listening?

BUDDY Yeah, it means we're on the air.

JOHNSTON:

HOST 2: Ready to call us up?

BUDDY Yeah. Where are you?

JOHNSTON:

HOST 2: In the bottom of a well.

BUDDY Well, that's true. We'll work on that.

JOHNSTON:

HOST 2: Oh.

BUDDY Hi, baby.

JOHNSTON:

HOST 3: Hi there.

BUDDY How are you?

JOHNSTON:

HOST 3: Just fine.

BUDDY Where's Mr. Bruce at?

JOHNSTON:

HOST 3: He's out camping.

BUDDY Oh, brother.

JOHNSTON:

HOST 2: No, really camping.

BUDDY He's been camping all his life.

JOHNSTON:

HOST 3: No comment.

HOST 2: No, this is with tents and things out in the woods. Butch.

BUDDY Listen, my idea of camping is you go to the Holiday Inn.

JOHNSTON:

HOST 3: Amen.

HOST 2: [VOCALIZING]

I'm with you, Buddy.

BUDDY Anyway, what's going on? We want to stir the proverbial pot this morning.

JOHNSTON:

HOST 2: Well--

BUDDY Because we went to the-- the Pride Week meeting was last Sunday, the Gay Lesbian Pride Week 1989 meeting.

JOHNSTON:

HOST 3: Or whatever they're going to call it.

BUDDY Well, we could call it stack the deck meeting. I'll explain that here in a minute.

JOHNSTON:

I didn't have enough people to vote for me, so I guess that's why we lost, Judy.

HOST 3: No kidding.

BUDDY I've only got 1, 2, 3, 4 in this room, so we'll explain all that to you later. It's 2:04 in the morning. This is *After*

JOHNSTON: *Hours* on KPFT Houston 90.1 FM Pacifica radio. And there is a lot going on though this morning, right? Something going off at Mary's today later on today.

HOST 3: Yeah. They're having a fundraiser for the AIDS trouble fund.

BUDDY A fund or a fun?

JOHNSTON:

HOST 3: Fun-- both. Both.

BUDDY Yeah?

JOHNSTON:

HOST 3: Yeah, you can come out there if you want to get dunked or if you want to throw darts. There's all sorts of things you can do out there.

BUDDY Well, that sounds like fun.

JOHNSTON:

HOST 3: Yeah.

HOST 4: Choose who were throwing darts at?

BUDDY We're what now?

JOHNSTON:

HOST 4: Do we get to choose who we're throwing darts at?

HOST 3: No, no, no, no, no, wait a minute. You dunk people. You throw darts at balloons. Let's get this straight.

HOST 4: No, no, no, I want to throw darts at people.

BUDDY No, wait a minute. That's at Reagan or something.

JOHNSTON:

HOST 3: Hey, it's a fundraiser. For a price, they'll let you do anything.

BUDDY Anyway, what else is going on? The Pride Week meeting was last Sunday. We'll be slinging mud over that.

JOHNSTON:

HOST 3: I imagine.

BUDDY Or I will anyway. I listened to Jack and Ray on Wilde 'N Stein Tuesday, and they didn't mention it. And there's an article in the *TWT* that says-- let me see.

HOST 3: It may even be marked.

BUDDY It says-- [HUMMING]-- Lesbian Gay Pride Week meeting. Marianne Coleman and Ken Wilson were elected to head

JOHNSTON: next year's Houston Pride Week events. Yes. One difference has already gone into effect. It's how one becomes eligible to vote. Members passed a motion stipulating that to be able to vote, you must attend a prior meeting. Also one will forfeit voting privileges if they miss three meetings. That means if you want to vote in the meeting that you're in, you have to go to the meeting before, right?

HOST 2: That's right. So don't miss the meeting.

BUDDY Then it says-- the quote here says this will eliminate stacking meetings said former Pride Week chair Ray Hill.

JOHNSTON: Well, Ray, if you're listening call me because the meeting was stacked. It was stacked. I don't know if it was stacked or not.

This is *After Hours* though. I do know that, and we're celebrating life from the heart of the Montrose. The number here is 526-4000, and I think we should get started, right?

HOST 3: Absolutely.

BUDDY Right.

JOHNSTON:

[MUSIC PLAYING]

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

(CHANTING) Say it loud, gay and proud.

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

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

(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 homosexual teachers 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.

(CHANTING) Fight now. Fight back.

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. If I had a rock, I'd throw it at them.

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

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

Come on and say it so they can hear it 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 or for life, we're not going back.

Good afternoon and welcome to the National March on Washington, DC for Gay and Lesbian Rights and choral reciting!

[CHEERING]

Let's hear it out there!

[CHEERING]

I'm Lea Delaria.

I'm Bruce Hopkins.

I'm a dyke.

I'm a faggot.

And we're best friends!

[CHEERING]

I want you to savor this next moment. I have the proud task of telling you that the official count of the Lesbian and Gay Rights March, the official count is over 500,000 strong. 500,000 strong. Look at you. 500,000 strong. 500,000 strong, one of the largest marches in United States history.

It's all right, you may all come out.

In United States history. 500,000 strong.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

We must destroy the myths once and for all, shatter them. We must continue to speak out and, most importantly, most importantly, every gay person must come out.

[CHEERING]

Difficult 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 stories you shop in.

[CHEERING]

(CHANTING) What do we want? Gay rights. When do we want them? Now.

They're shooting at people.

And once they realize that we are indeed their children and we are indeed everywhere, every myth, every lie, every innuendo will be destroyed once and for all. And once-- once you do, you will feel so much better.

[CHEERING]

(CHANTING) What do we want? Gay rights. When do we want it? Now. What do we want? Gay rights. When do we want them? Now. What do we want? Gay rights. When do we want it? Now.

Harvey, do you have a few words for KPFT?

Come on out. Join us. Bring a friend.

What do you think about the turnout so far?

Well, it's never enough. Never enough. Never enough.

And I ask-- I ask people all over this country to do one thing. Come out. Come out, America. Come out.

[CHEERING]

BUDDY I don't know. They're pointing fingers at us. Which button? Which mic is on? I'm not really sure. We'll check that out in a minute.

HOST 4: Well, I can just keep talking, and they'll figure it out.

BUDDY Anyway this is *After Hours*, radio celebrating live from the heart of the Montrose. Good Morning. My name is **JOHNSTON:** Buddy Johnston. I used to say with the Houston Police Department. I think that's getting ready to come to an end.

HOST 3: Oh, please.

BUDDY Yeah. Anyway I think I'm going to quit. I need a new job. Anybody hiring out there-- Dairy Queen, McDonald's. I **JOHNSTON:** like that Dairy Queen.

[CHATTER]

What are they talking about? I can't hear a word they're saying.

HOST 3: That may be to your advantage.

BUDDY How's that?
JOHNSTON:

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

Oh, there they are.

HOST 2: Hello.

HOST 3: Oh, listen to that.

BUDDY They're live now, baby.
JOHNSTON:

HOST 2: Uh oh. Now--

BUDDY Well, at least he is.
JOHNSTON:

HOST 2: Now what's this about you being a Dairy Queen?

BUDDY I said I was getting ready to quit my job. I'm sick of working for the Kathy Whitmire.

JOHNSTON:

HOST 2: Well, you won't have to work for her much longer.

BUDDY I want to get a real job like being a bookstore clerk or something.

JOHNSTON:

HOST 3: Now here's an exciting thought.

BUDDY Who knows? Who knows? Anyway, this is *After Hours*, radio celebrating live from the heart of the Montrose, and

JOHNSTON: we're going to do something here in just a second. One of them is listen to this because everybody last week was calling for it, right?

HOST 3: No, we had two or three, didn't it?

BUDDY Yeah.

JOHNSTON:

[MUSIC PLAYING]

Oh, Johnny, are you queer? 2:14 in the morning on KPFT Houston, 90.1 FM, right?

HOST 3: Right.

BUDDY I said it is. I didn't even look at the clock.

JOHNSTON:

HOST 3: It is. Trust me.

BUDDY And the number here is 526-4000. This is *After Hours*, and we want to hear from you. We were talking about the

JOHNSTON: Pride Week meeting, and we'll be telling you all about that, right?

HOST 3: Absolutely. Every word of it.

BUDDY Oh, here's a letter from Rain-- well, Rainbow de Clown. We won't be reading that to you, but I think that's a

JOHNSTON: shame. We'll explain all that to you later on. This is for someone very, very special out in beautiful southwest Houston. It's called "The Promise," and all I can tell you baby is make a promise to yourself to be good to yourself and no one can ever take that away from you. Right?

HOST 3: Amen.

BUDDY That's right. Give us a call 526-4000. We want to hear from you.

JOHNSTON:

Yeah, make a promise to yourself, right?

HOST 3: Absolutely and keep it.

BUDDY To be good to yourself. This is *After Hours*, radio celebrating live from the heart of the Montrose. And someone just called. They wanted to hear Romanovsky and Phillips. That's be coming up in just a second.

HOST 2: Good.

BUDDY Song's called "Give Me a Homosexual." (SINGING) Give me a-- oh.

JOHNSTON:

HOST 2: Is that their latest album?

BUDDY Yeah. This is it. It's called *Emotional Rollercoaster*, available at Lucia's Garden and--

JOHNSTON:

HOST 2: And speaking of Romanovsky and Phillips--

BUDDY Speaking of Romanovsky and Phillips, they will be coming soon to--

JOHNSTON:

HOST 4: Maceba.

BUDDY The Maceba Theatre, right?

JOHNSTON:

HOST 2: November the 12th.

HOST 4: With Lynn Lavner.

HOST 2: *The Lynn Lavner.*

HOST 3: That's right.

HOST 4: Dyke music.

BUDDY Dyke music.

JOHNSTON:

HOST 2: Leather dyke music.

BUDDY Leather dyke music.

JOHNSTON:

HOST 4: We don't care about leather dyke music. They will playing faggot music last week and not playing enough dyke music.

HOST 3: They never play enough.

BUDDY If anyone out there is listening that was at the Pride Week meeting, call us up. Let us know what happened

JOHNSTON: because the losers are here.

HOST 2: [INAUDIBLE] you may be a little one sided.

BUDDY Well, we'll get into all that later. If you don't know what we're talking about, I'd suggest that you get involved.

JOHNSTON: Call the Gay and Lesbian Switchboard at 529-3211, and they'll give you a big long list of goodies and ideas and places to go and people to see and wonderful things where you can go out and find out what's happening in the community. Number here is 526-4000, 526-4000.

Someone called earlier, too, and told me that he lived in Pasadena I think-- Pasadena-- and had just found out that he had AIDS, and he didn't have any friends. And I said, well, you've never been down in the Montrose area, have you?

HOST 2: Lots of friends.

BUDDY There are a lot of people down here, and if you're listening out there and you are because you told me you would, we want to tell you this morning that you don't have to be out there by yourself because we're here and we love you and we care about you. And we want you to have a wonderful life. And one way you do that is to stand up for yourself and to be proud of who and what you are. We can't do that for you though.

HOST 3: No, you got to do it yourself.

BUDDY We could hug you. I mean, I could put my arms around you right now, baby, and give you a big old squeeze. But you're not here, so I'll hug the mic. Is that good enough? Is that--

HOST 2: And we can talk to you at the switchboard, too.

BUDDY Yeah. And give us a call here at KPFT, 526-4000. It's almost marathon time. That means we need you to save your nickels and dimes and start putting those pennies together. And in the meantime, we're going to just, what?

HOST 3: We're just going to have fun.

BUDDY Yeah.

JOHNSTON:

[PLAYING THEME FROM THE FLINTSTONES]

[MUSIC PLAYING - ROMANOVSKY AND PHILLIPS - "GIVE ME A HOMOSEXUAL"]

Yes, friends.

Romanovsky and Phillips. Isn't that great?

HOST 3: It was wonderful.

BUDDY They're going to be at the Maceba Theatre on what?

JOHNSTON:

HOST 4: November 12th.

BUDDY Thank you--

JOHNSTON:

HOST 3: That's right at 7:30.

BUDDY Darling. November 12th. Is that right?

JOHNSTON:

HOST 2: That's right. At the Maceba.

BUDDY Yeah. And--

JOHNSTON:

HOST 2: Main and Richmond.

BUDDY Lynn Lavner's going to be joining them. We're going to hear from Lynn Lavner here in just a second. The number

JOHNSTON: here at KPFT is 526-4000. Going to be talking about a lot of things this morning. The big topic though is what happened 25 years ago today. And if you know what happened 25 years ago today, give me a call and the lines are all busy right now. 526-4000's the number to call, or you can call us at 520-KPFT, 520-KPFT, 526-4000.

The reason you need to remember these numbers is that marathon's starting September the 9th. Is that right?

HOST 3: Yeah.

BUDDY That's what everybody calls in to pledge their support to KPFT.

JOHNSTON:

HOST 3: That's right. Toss in those pennies.

BUDDY So it'll be fun. The number here is 526-4000.

JOHNSTON:

Wait how come that didn't do that? Oh, because Jim's there.

VARIOUS Hi. This is Ron Romanovsky.

SPEAKERS:

And this is Paul Phillips. We're better known as Romanovsky and Phillips.

If you haven't been listening to *After Hours*, what kind of self-respecting faggot are you anyway?

After Hours, 2:00 to 4:00 every Sunday morning on KPFT 90.1 on your FM dial. Listen in.

Yeah.

Toto, I have a feeling we're not in Kansas anymore.

The disorders began with a routine police raid on a homosexual bar, the Stonewall on Christopher Street in the heart of the West Village.

[CLAMORING]

[MUSIC PLAYING]

(CHANTING) What do we want? Gay rights. When do we want it? Now! What do we want? Gay rights. When do we want it? Now.

Come 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.

BUDDY 526-4000, give us a call. We want to hear from you. By the way Paul in Kingwood-- I'm sorry, Al, right, Judy?

JOHNSTON:

HOST 4: Yes, it was Al.

BUDDY Alan Kingwood just called and had the answer to the question what happened 25 years ago today. Martin Luther King led the historic March on Washington, and we'll be hearing from Dr. King in just a little bit. So stay with us. 526-4000.

VARIOUS SPEAKERS: Once and for all shot of him we must continue to speak out and most importantly every gay person must come out.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

It's all right. You may all come out.

BUDDY We're queer.

JOHNSTON:

[SINGING]

VARIOUS SPEAKERS: I have a dream today.

[SINGING]

As president of the Board of Supervisors, it is my duty to make this announcement. Both Mayor Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk have been shot and killed.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

Toto, I a feeling we're not in Kansas anymore. we are not talking this is not a down love to come on out join us friends what do you think about the turnout given us never enough never know

[SINGING]

We must destroy the myths once and for all them we must continue to speak out and most importantly every person must come out difficult 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 the stores you shop in you

[SINGING]

(CHANTING) When do we want it? Now. What do we want? Gay rights. When do we want it? Now.

And I ask-- I ask people all over this country to do one thing. Come out. Come out, America. Come out.

When we allow freedom ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, Black men and white men, Jews and gentiles, Protestants and Catholics will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual. Free at last, free at last, thank God Almighty, we are free at last.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

HOST 3: We're going to listen to Michael Callen and "Living in Wartime" now, aren't we.

BUDDY And the number 526-4000. This is--

JOHNSTON:

HOST 3: KPFT.

BUDDY *After Hours*, radio celebrating live from the heart--

JOHNSTON:

HOST 3: Of Montrose.

BUDDY Yeah. Give us a call 526-4000. We want to hear from you.

JOHNSTON:

[MUSIC PLAYING]

I can't hear you yet. They're still singing.

See Jim through his hand over his mouth when we turn the mic on because he thought that you could hear us but you couldn't because they're--

Anyway, that's the Pet Shop Boys and "It's a Sin," and it certainly was a sin last Sunday.

HOST 3: Oh, it's terrible.

BUDDY Down at the Dignity Center. This, ladies and gentlemen, I couldn't believe my eyes. But I was there and I saw it

JOHNSTON: and I could be wrong. I could be biased. I could be slinging mud, but I don't think so.

I'm a little disappointed that Jack and Ray didn't talk about it Tuesday, but that's Jack and Ray's program Wilde 'N Stein heard every Tuesday right here on KPFT at 10:00. Right?

HOST 2: Right. Yeah.

BUDDY Where are you?

JOHNSTON:

HOST 3: Where'd he go.

HOST 2: Right here.

BUDDY Where are you?

JOHNSTON:

HOST 5: We're here.

BUDDY Seven, is that right?

JOHNSTON:

HOST 5: We're queer.

BUDDY Thank you, Clay. We're having trouble finding these guys. They're everywhere but where they should be.

JOHNSTON: Anyway, Robert to Lance, something about Pat Robinson. Is that Pat Robinson the preacher?

HOST 3: No, I don't think so.

BUDDY John and-- sending a music out to Terry this morning. Also John wants to dedicate a song to Chris. KD Lang or

JOHNSTON: George Strait. We don't have George Strait or something appropriate. We'll find something appropriate for you.

But the bottom line of the day is the Names Project meeting to Timmy and Billy, our friend-- to Timmy from Billy.

HOST 6: And Billy should call Timmy sometime.

BUDDY Yeah, Billy called Timmy. Billy call Timmy. And please no parking in the white zone. No parking in the white zone.

JOHNSTON: Thank you very much.

526-4000 is the number to call. My name is Buddy Johnson. And Judy's here and, what's your name again?

HOST 2: Jim!

BUDDY No, Jim's here and Clay's here and Kay's here and Bruce isn't here and Mike's not here. They're out camping.

JOHNSTON:

HOST 2: Yeah with real tents and stuff.

HOST 3: No tents.

BUDDY Over on Pacific Street probably.

JOHNSTON:

HOST 3: Just camping.

BUDDY And something else is going on, too. Dedicate a song for Mindy Grant. OK. 526-4000 is number to call. Give us a

JOHNSTON: call because we want to talk about this Pride Week thing and if you weren't at the meeting let me tell you what happened.

Last year-- was it last year?

HOST 2: Last year?

BUDDY When we planned the meeting?

JOHNSTON:

HOST 3: Yes.

BUDDY Were you there, Jim?

JOHNSTON:

HOST 2: No.

BUDDY OK. A year ago, we planned the meeting for this past parade, and there were five or six of us there. And we had--

JOHNSTON: I thought we had one hell of a parade.

HOST 3: Absolutely. It was wonderful.

BUDDY It was great. But anyway Rainbow worked real hard on that parade and helped put it together and help organize it and all that kind of good stuff. And they're always just a handful of people. That's the way it is that do things, and everybody else wants to sit around and bitch and not do anything but complain.

Well, the complainers complain, and the rest of us work. And last Sunday we had the first meeting of Pride Week for 1989. Now this is very important to me because 1989 is going to mark the 20th anniversary of the Stonewall riot. Now if you don't know what that is, that's when a bunch of drag queens--

HOST 2: That's right.

BUDDY You got to--

JOHNSTON:

HOST 2: Read any history book.

BUDDY Drag queens were arrested, harassed, or whatever by the police in New York, and they didn't like it, right?

JOHNSTON:

HOST 3: Right.

BUDDY They said we're not going to take this baloney anymore, and they fought back. And for the first time in a long time, openly gay people fought back against the police, and it was quite a mess. There were several people hurt, many people arrested, fires. You name it, it happened. But Stonewall was the beginning of the modern day gay movement here in the United States.

And this is going to be pretty important to us because 20 years, well, anniversaries are nice, so 20 years is going to be nice. So we all showed up last Sunday to get involved, and we were kind of outnumbered.

HOST 3: Just slightly.

BUDDY Yeah. I saw a lot of employees--

JOHNSTON:

HOST 3: I just saw a lot of people.

BUDDY I saw a lot of employees from a local bar, and I can say that because we did a radio show down there one night.

JOHNSTON: And I recognized a lot of the people from the club, and I also heard there were some people from the church that showed up.

HOST 3: A lot of people from the church.

BUDDY And Bruce Reeves, who worked on the parade last year, decided not to run because he didn't want to fight this opposition that was there. You got to understand there was a room of about, what, Judy, 75, 85 people.

HOST 3: Oh, no. There were well over 100 there according to the count on the votes.

BUDDY Really?

JOHNSTON:

HOST 3: Yeah.

BUDDY So we had over 100 people. Last year we had--

JOHNSTON:

HOST 3: Six?

BUDDY Six.

JOHNSTON:

HOST 2: Well, but what surprised me this was my first meeting and I always heard about nobody goes to the meetings. You have five or six people that show up and do all the work, and I walked in and see over 100 people. I was pretty floored.

BUDDY It was pretty incredible. Don't get me wrong. I'm not complaining about all the people that were there.

JOHNSTON:

HOST 2: No. Hope they stay all year long.

BUDDY But they're not going to be there I don't think.

JOHNSTON:

HOST 2: You don't?

BUDDY No, sir. I'll be at every meeting--

JOHNSTON:

HOST 2: Me, too.

HOST 3: So am I

BUDDY With a microphone for KPFT, reporting it to you if you care. I don't really think that you care. I think you're sitting there and you're saying, well, the music stops so let's go do whatever we're going to do because we really don't give a damn. That's what I think.

HOST 3: They need to give a damn.

BUDDY I think that you should give a damn because this is your movement. We are you. Someone said something about KPFT and *After Hours* one time. They said, well, you go on and you tell what you say, and that's not true. This program started a year ago next Sunday.

HOST 2: Oh, I didn't know that.

BUDDY You like that?

JOHNSTON:

HOST 3: No.

BUDDY So we've been on the air a year. In that year, I could start-- I can't because I can't remember all of the

JOHNSTON: organizations that have been on here, all the individuals that have been on here, all of the news that we have brought to you on here because we say this is community radio, radio sponsoring life. This program is not the voice of the Houston gay and lesbian political caucus.

We will report what the caucus does, but this program is not a platform for the caucus to speak to you. We think you are intelligent enough to make your own decisions on how you should vote and who you should support. Now if the caucus want to get a radio program, I'd suggest they come down and talk to the management here at KPFT, but I can't do that. We can't do that as a show because our job is to present information to you as we see it or as we hear it normally on tape.

We got into a lot of trouble a year ago because we asked people in the Montrose what they thought about the caucus not endorsing gay candidates, and because of that, the political caucus-- a lot of those people still won't even talk to us. That's a fact. Now we have invited David Fowler, the president of the caucus, to come down and be on the show, and he said he would accept sometime between now and election day. So we'll see what happens.

But this microphone-- and we say this every week-- is open to anybody out there that wants to come down and tell your side of the story.

Now the story as I saw it Sunday was very, very sad.

HOST 3: Yeah, it was.

BUDDY Because there were a lot of people at the caucus at the Pride Week meeting to vote for an individual rather than

JOHNSTON: an idea. This radio program stands for a movement, the gay movement. And if you don't know what that is, turn your radio off and go about your business. And someday when Congress passes laws or they come down to take your lover to jail or your lover dies and his family comes and carries all your furniture out of your house or you just-- you lose your job because they find out you're gay or whatever, don't call me because I'm fighting for my rights and I'm telling you that you can fight for yours. And that didn't happen Sunday. We had a group of people that were voting for a person rather than an idea.

Now I believe that's what happened because that's the way I saw it.

HOST 3: It's the way I saw it, too.

BUDDY I could be wrong.

JOHNSTON:

HOST 3: It's very sad.

BUDDY Harvey Milk said there are people who use the movement and there are people who are the movement. My
JOHNSTON: message to you for the past year has been get involved, make a difference, be a part of what's happening in your life. Don't follow me.

Don't look at me. Don't expect me to lead you. I can't lead you anywhere. If you look at me, I'm going to let you down every time because I'm a human being and I'm not a leader. I'm not the man you want, kids.

I'm glad that you love us and love to listen to us and stay tuned every week and support this radio show because it supports you. This is your program. But don't look to me to solve all of your problems. I can't do that.

And unfortunately a lot of people showed up and voted for who they thought would lead the community, and I will stand behind that leadership.

HOST 3: Absolutely.

BUDDY I'm not saying I won't support them. I'm saying I disagree with the way that things were handled. But I wrote a letter to *The Voice* and to the *TWT* last week. You probably will never see it because they also censor what they want to print. They print what they want to print. If they get something they don't like, they don't print it. When we get something we don't like, we read it or let someone come down and tell you about it.

The night Don Sanders was on here, my phone rang off the wall. Don't let that atheist on the show. I said if Don Sanders can't speak on here, no one else can. It has to be that way. The Constitution, when it was written for this country, said we the people, and you have to understand that you're part of that we.

But I don't like the way things were handled. And I think it's a shame that a roomful of people make decisions that are going to affect the lives of thousands and thousands and thousands of gay people all over Harris County. And it's only because you don't care. If you did care, you would get involved.

Judy, you were the coordinator for the NAMES Project when it came to Houston, right?

HOST 3: Uh huh.

BUDDY How many people were down there? 600?

JOHNSTON:

HOST 3: 600 of them. That's right. All volunteers all working their little tails off.

BUDDY I've met a lot of people in the last week and heard a lot of names. I didn't see them down at the George R. Brown Convention Center. I did see Marion in there, and I love Marion Coleman. I really do. Marion has been good to me. She's been good to this radio show. She's been good to this station.

But I hope she can be leader enough to understand that this is America and people have a right to express their opinion, and in my opinion, it was wrong the way things turned out.

So--

HOST 2: So now what do we do about it?

BUDDY I don't know.

JOHNSTON:

HOST 3: Go to the meetings.

BUDDY Have no idea. KPFT.

JOHNSTON:

CALLER: Yes. I would like to discuss the problem. I want to know how to get discussed in the gay active week because I was banished-- bashed from my church. I go to a Catholic church, and they asked me very politely to leave.

BUDDY Oh, really?

JOHNSTON:

CALLER: Yes.

BUDDY Well, see unfortunately--

JOHNSTON:

CALLER: And I think it is outrageous.

BUDDY It is outrageous.

JOHNSTON:

CALLER: Go to church because I do believe in God and they asked me to leave. Why would I be in church if I didn't believe it?

BUDDY How long have you lived in Houston?

JOHNSTON:

CALLER: Well-- well, about a month now. I moved, and I came back.

BUDDY Really? Where'd you move here from?

JOHNSTON:

CALLER: Aberdeen, Portland.

BUDDY Is this a church in Houston that they threw you out of?

JOHNSTON:

CALLER: Yes. Because I do believe in the church, I would rather not mention it. And it is in Harris County.

BUDDY That's OK. That's all right. Well, a lot of those church people, they're-- they know-- they have all the answers.

JOHNSTON:

CALLER: I think it's outrageous. Why would I be at church if I didn't want to be there? They have the nerve to ask me to leave.

BUDDY They called us this morning and told us we should be reading the Bible.

JOHNSTON:

CALLER: Yes, well, I have a few things to tell them about that Bible. They don't-- there are many scriptures that don't say that-- that's the way I was born.

BUDDY Yeah.

JOHNSTON:

CALLER: It is not that I chose this way. I was born this way.

BUDDY I'm all for you.

JOHNSTON:

HOST 2: Yes.

CALLER: It is outrageous.

BUDDY It is outrageous.

JOHNSTON:

CALLER: I just want everyone to know out there that you're not the only ones if this has happened to you. And it's not just the Catholic church. It's all kinds of churches.

BUDDY Why do you think we as a community sit by let this happen and not speak out?

JOHNSTON:

CALLER: Because let's put it this way. If I had a child, I would rather been bring up-- have brought up straight than have them go through the humiliation and harassment that I have gone through. That's worth it. Even if they were born--

BUDDY So why would anyone choose this much pain, right?

JOHNSTON:

CALLER: Yes. That is exactly how I feel.

BUDDY But why do you think we as a community sit by and let this happen? You know what I mean? Why didn't we go down and protest by the thousands in front of that church when they threw you out?

CALLER: Well, my main concern is violence. I have seen violent acts in-- especially in London. London, you think that there would be no problem with all the different kinds of people around. No. If you have ever been there, you will know your house may get burned. It may get smashed in with rocks. There's many things that can happen. I mean, you have no idea how scared I am just to walk on the street.

BUDDY They just had legislation come down in London, too, right? In England, all over that says-- what was it, clause 29?

JOHNSTON:

CALLER: Well, I was in-- I've lived in Aberdeen most of the time. I just visited London.

BUDDY Was a section 28 or section 29? Do you know what I'm talking about?

JOHNSTON:

HOST 2: Section 28.

CALLER: No, I'm sorry. I have no idea.

BUDDY It's a law that was just-- it just went into effect a couple of months ago that just about closes down everything. It
JOHNSTON: gives the British government opportunity to close down the bars and the switchboards and things like this.

CALLER: That is ridiculous. I have many friends who live here and they say--