

RADIO What you've been missing on *After Hours*.

ANNOUNCER:

RADIO HOST: Good morning. KPFT. You're on the air.

MICHAEL: Hi.

RADIO HOST: Hi, guy, what's up?

MICHAEL: Oh, not a lot, just standing around listening to your show.

RADIO HOST: You just told me you called in April?

MICHAEL: Yeah, I called back in April. And I told you that I was taping your show and sending it to my lover who was living in Dallas at the time because they don't have a good radio show like you have down here in Houston.

RADIO HOST: [CHUCKLING]

MICHAEL: And anyway, I've recently just had my big coming out experience with my family.

RADIO HOST: Mm-hm.

MICHAEL: And my mother came to me last week and said, Michael, could I borrow your black and white dress to wear to a funeral that I've got to go?

RADIO HOST: [LAUGHING]

MICHAEL: Clear the closet door completely off. [CHUCKLING]

RADIO HOST: That's great.

RADIO Join us each week on *After Hours* as we celebrate life from the heart of the Montrose right here on KPFT Houston
ANNOUNCER: every Sunday morning from 2:00 AM to 4:00 AM. Tune in and hear what you've been missing.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

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RADIO HOST: That's us, frank and objectionable materials, right?

WOMAN: Yes.

MAN: Great.

RADIO HOST: [LAUGHING]

MAN: Good morning, good morning, good morning.

RADIO HOST: No matter what who says?

MAN: What'd you say?

RADIO HOST: I said that's us, frank and nasty material, right?

MAN: That's right.

WOMAN: Oh, definitely.

MAN: Woo!

MAN: We don't get any nastier.

RADIO HOST: So what's going on, ladies and gentlemen?

MAN: Well, it's Sunday morning, *After Hours*, the bars are closed.

RADIO HOST: It's time to go home. If you're going home from the bars, please drive safely.

MAN: Yes, and don't turn off your radio.

RADIO HOST: Yeah, this is gay radio.

MAN: And lesbian radio.

RADIO HOST: Gay and lesbian radio.

WOMAN: Yeah, lesbian radio.

RADIO HOST: Well, see, Kay's supposed to say lesbian. And I go, oh, yeah. [LAUGHING]

KAY OSTBERG: Bruce is a feminist. I mean, he can take care of things for me too.

RADIO HOST: Effeminate?

KAY OSTBERG: Well, I didn't say that. I said a feminist.

RADIO HOST: OK. Now then, we have good news for you.

MAN: We do?

RADIO HOST: Yep. The rally that we're doing in November for Harvey Milk, the Celebration of Life Rally--

MAN: Thanksgiving weekend.

RADIO HOST: In front of City Hall.

MAN: Yeah?

RADIO HOST: Harry Britt is going to come speak to us.

KAY OSTBERG: How wonderful.

MAN: How wonderful.

MAN: That is terrific.

RADIO HOST: And for those of you that don't know, Harry Britt replaced Harvey Milk when Harvey was killed in San Francisco 10 years ago. He was shot to death along with San Francisco Mayor George Moscone by Dan White who was sent to prison for five years for killing two people. But that's a story we'll tell you about in the next few weeks. But anyway, Harry Britt was appointed and subsequently elected to Harvey's seat and has been serving in that position for the last 10 years. And good news for the folks in San Francisco, not only is Harry going to get reelected this time, it looks as if he's going to be appointed as President of the Board of Supervisors.

MAN: Great.

KAY OSTBERG: Wooh.

MAN: How did we get him?

RADIO HOST: We got him because I called and asked him to come speak to us, and he said yes.

MAN: And he's from Beaumont.

RADIO HOST: And he's from Beaumont.

MAN: Ah.

MAN: Do you suppose we should say just for the benefit of anyone out there who couldn't possibly know who Harvey Milk was that Harvey was the first openly gay elected official in this country?

RADIO HOST: That's true. Well, if you don't know who Harvey Milk is, we're going to be giving away some books, *The Mayor of Castro Street*, written by Randy Shilts, and some videotapes, *The Life and Times of Harvey Milk*. If you want a videotape and you want to book, all you got to do is send your name and address to *After Hours*, 419 Lovett, Houston, Texas, 77006. And we're going to have a drawing beginning next week, right?

WOMAN: Right.

RADIO HOST: And until the rally, we're going to be giving away videos and books every week. And the weekend of November 18 and 19 at the River Oaks Theater, we're going to be showing the same film, *The Life and Times of Harvey Milk* at midnight, absolutely free. All you got to do to see the movie is show up. And we're all excited about that.

MAN: Yes.

RADIO HOST: Anyway, we've got some folks from the University of Houston here this morning, right?

MAN: They're here.

RADIO HOST: They're here.

WOMAN: They're not talking, but they're here.

RADIO HOST: They're here. They're queer. They're here and queer. We can see them and hear them. But anyway, I guess we should get started, right?

MAN: Yes.

WOMAN: -- Yes.

RADIO HOST: National Coming Out Day happened on last Tuesday.

MAN: Yes, and it was great.

RADIO HOST: The quilt was in Washington last weekend, and we got a lot for you, so stay tuned. This is *After Hours* on KPFT in Houston, 90.1 FM.

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

CROWD: (CHANTING) Say it loud, gay and proud.

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

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

CROWD: (CHANTING) Human rights are here to stay. Anita Bryant, go away.

MAN: There's no question in my mind that the people of California don't want homosexual teachers in the classroom.

ANNOUNCER: State Senator John Briggs has just conceded the election.

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

ANNOUNCER: Dan White has been found guilty of one count each of voluntary manslaughter.

CROWD: (CHANTING) Fight now! Fight back!

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

ANNOUNCER: And here comes the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights.

ANNOUNCER: Gay power, gay politics, that's what this report is about.

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

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

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

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

ROBIN TYLER: You're going to 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.

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

LEA DELARIA: Good afternoon, and welcome to the National March on Washington, DC for Gay and Lesbian Rights and choral reciting.

CROWD: [CHEERING]

LEA DELARIA: Let's hear it out there!

CROWD: [CHEERING]

LEA DELARIA: I'm Lea Delaria.

BRUCE I'm Bruce Hopkins.

HOPKINS:

LEA DELARIA: I'm a dyke.

BRUCE I'm a faggot.

HOPKINS:

BRUCE AND (IN UNISON) And we're best friends!

LEA:

CROWD: [CHEERING]

LEA DELARIA: 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--

[MUSIC PLAYING]

--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]

MAN: 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.

CROWD: [CHEERING]

MAN: As 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 stores you shop in.

CROWD: [CHEERING]

[MUSIC PLAYING]

MAN: 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 you do, you will feel so much better.

CROWD: [CHANTING]

WOMAN: When do we want it?

CROWD: Now!

WOMAN: What do we want?

CROWD: Gay rights!

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CROWD: Now!

WOMAN: What do we want?

CROWD: Gay rights! Harvey, do you have a few words for KPFA?

HARVEY: Yeah, come on out. [LAUGHING] Join us. Bring your friends.

MAN: What do you think about the turnout?

HARVEY: Well, it's [INAUDIBLE], never enough, never enough.

MAN: And I asked people all over this country to do one thing, come out. Come out, America. Come out!

CROWD: [CHEERING]

[MUSIC PLAYING]

RADIO HOST: Come out. Come out Do you think they're getting the message?

MAN: Who knows? I hope so.

RADIO HOST: I hope they come out before Mr. Bush winds up in-- oh, I shouldn't say that. He's not going to wind up in Washington, is he?

MAN: No.

WOMAN: Never.

RADIO HOST: There's a real nasty law in California called Proposition 102 that wants to lock people up.

MAN: And there's a similar one in Oregon called Proposition 8, I think.

RADIO HOST: Did anybody see the debate last Thursday?

MAN: Yes, I saw it.

RADIO HOST: Did you hear George say that you can't legislate morality? God damn it.

MAN: Wasn't that wonderful? I can. I said immediately I wish he'd quit trying.

RADIO HOST: I about fell out of my chair. What about Ed Meese and his porno patrol and all those people?

MAN: Let's legislate morality some more.

RADIO HOST: Well, we'll see what happens.

MAN: But no, the truth is you can't legislate morality, but you can Supreme Court it to death. [LAUGHING]

RADIO HOST: OK, 526-4000, we want to know what's on your mind this morning. This is *After Hours*, radio celebrating life. In chorus they say that.

MAN: Isn't that special?

RADIO HOST: It's great.

WOMAN: Somebody's got us trained.

RADIO HOST: Yeah, give us a call at 526-4000. And we want to tell you all about life in the Montrose. 526-4000. There's call number one. We've still got some lines open and waiting to hear from you.

[MUSIC - INFORMATION SOCIETY, "WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?"]

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[MUSIC - INFORMATION SOCIETY, "WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?"]

WOMAN: They've got to understand something. They've got to understand something. We are not talking about crotch 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 providence. And I don't care about straight understanding. You better hear me in Washington. We are demanding-- we are demanding our civil rights.

MAN: Pure energy.

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

[MUSIC - INFORMATION SOCIETY, "WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?"]

MAN: And I asked people all over this country to do one thing, come out. Come out, America. Come out!

[MUSIC PLAYING]

RADIO HOST: Oh, yes, Romanovsky and Phillips, and somebody throw a homosexual this way. We want to remind you that a year ago, there were 650,000 plus gay and lesbian people in Washington, DC, for the National March on Washington. It was wonderful. And for the next few weeks, here on *After Hours*, we're going to be reliving that day. So we'll start right now.

MAN: As we participate in this historical march, we are all aware of the tragic reality of the AIDS epidemic. All of us have been touched by the death of a lover or a close friend. Countless thousands of us have already died. And countless more of us now face illnesses, suffering, and death.

At a time when our President fails to provide leadership and in a time when our government does too little and too late, the gay and the lesbian community has provided leadership, funds, and organizations to fight this threat to our very lives. We are now leading the fight against AIDS. And we are giving support, compassion, and love to those of us who are ill.

Shortly, my friends, the events surrounding this March on Washington will be over. All of us will return to our respective homes and our jobs and our lovers and our daily lives. But as we leave Washington, we do so with a renewed commitment and a renewed determination to continue the march that began at Stonewall and the March that brings us to Washington today.

I'm gay, and I'm proud. I'm gay, and I'm proud. Thank you very, very much.

CROWD: [CHEERING]

[MUSIC PLAYING]

MAN: Dean Bradley died of complications due to AIDS on January 8, 1988.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

WOMAN: Boots are being polished. Trumpeters clean their horns. Chains and locks forged, the crusade has begun. Once again, flags of Christ are unfurled in the dawn. And cries of soul saviors sing apocalyptic on airwaves.

Citizens, good citizens all, parade into voting booths and in self-righteous sanctity, X away our right to life. I do not believe like some that the vote is an end. I fear even more it is just a beginning. So I must make assessment, look to you and ask, where will you be when they come?

They will not come a mob rolling through the streets but quickly and quietly move into our homes to remove the evil, the queerness, the faggotry from their midst. They will not come clothed in brown and swastikas or bearing chest heavy with gleaming crosses. The time and need for such ruses are over. They will come in business suits to buy your homes and bring bodies to fill your jobs. They will come in robes to rehabilitate and white coats to subjugate.

And where will you be when they come? Where will we all be when they come? And they will come. They will come because we are defined as opposite, perverse.

And we are perverse. Every time we watched a queer hassled in the streets and said nothing, it was an act of perversion. Every time we lied about the boyfriend or girlfriend at coffee break, it was an act of perversion.

CROWD: [CHEERING]

WOMAN: Every time we heard, I don't mind gays, but why must they be blatant, and said nothing, it was an act of perversion. Every time we let a lesbian mother lose her child and did not fill the courtrooms, it was an act of perversion. Every time we let straights make out in our bars while we couldn't touch because of the laws, it was an act of perversion.

Every time we put on the proper clothes to go to a family wedding and left our lovers at home, it was an act of perversion. Every time we heard who I go to bed with is my personal choice, it's personal, not political, and said nothing, it was an act of perversion. Every time we let straight relatives bury our dead and push our lovers away, it was an act of perversion.

And they will come for the perverts. And it won't matter if you're homosexual, not a faggot, lesbian, not a dyke, gay, not queer. It won't matter if you own your own business, have a good job or an SSI. It won't matter if you're Black, Chicano, Native American, Asian, or white.

It won't matter if you're from New York or Los Angeles, Galveston or Sioux Falls. It won't matter if you're butch or femme, not into roles, monogamous, non-monogamous. It won't matter if you're Catholic, Baptist, atheist, Jewish, or MCC.

They will come. They will come to the cities and to the land, to your front rooms and in your closets. They will come for the perverts. And where will you be when they come?

JOE WATTS: "Praises of Pride," written and read by Joe Watts.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

The cry to unite is in the air, fear, death, and dying, even despair. But hopefully, determined, we will survive by keeping the flames of our faith alive. A cry to unite is in the air, singing praises of pride. A cry to unite is in the air, a time to celebrate, to love, to care. Forever united, we must stand, or divided, we will surely fall.

Listen to the cry, rise up, stand tall. The cry to unite is in the air, singing praises of pride. The cry to unite is in the air, bonding of souls and hearts everywhere. Our dream to unite must come true, the courage to face the world as you. The cry to unite is in the air, singing praises of pride everywhere.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

RADIO HOST: You know what we should play now?

MAN: What?

RADIO HOST: That old song, it's now or never, don't you think?

MAN: That would sum it all up, wouldn't it?

RADIO HOST: Well, I mean, this is pretty serious business. It is every week. Someone called last week and said the show is depressing. And I said, I agree with you.

The fact that thousands of our friends have died is pretty depressing to me. But the fact that we have a government that's ignored us for the eight years, that's not depressing. That's inexcusable. It's very inexcusable.

MAN: It really is.

RADIO HOST: And the thought that someone like George Bush would get up in front of the American public and say, you can't legislate morality, when he and Ed Meese and all of his boys came through. They were in Houston out on Hillcroft at one of the adult bookstores, marching around, taking pictures of people. Like they don't know what the hell's going on in there anyway.

MAN: Right.

RADIO HOST: I was in there tonight. Nothing happened. I was trying, but anyway.

MAN: Yeah, well, it's a fun bookstore.

RADIO HOST: It's like your momma telling you that Santa Claus is going to come, and then you find out that he's really not coming. You don't quit believing that Santa Claus is going to come. You know what I mean?

MAN: That's right.

RADIO HOST: So they need to get their head out of their whatever and realize--

MAN: And Judy and I saw a sign last week that said there was only 83 more days till Santa Claus was going to come. So that must mean by now, there's only like 77 left.

RADIO HOST: You know, and I don't understand what these people want. There are between 30 and 40 million gay people in this country. And Proposition 102, you'll hear about it at 3 o'clock on the news. Out in California, they want to start testing folks. And if you test positive, they fire you, bam.

I talked to a kid yesterday that called the station that said he was in the Army. And now the Army's testing people. And if you test positive, out you go.

MAN: Yep.

RADIO HOST: You're screwed, kids. And they were down in front of the Alley tonight?

MAN: The Alley, right.

RADIO HOST: Somebody said that was going to be unpopular with one of our local churches.

MAN: Well, and it probably was. Basically, what happened, Bering United Methodist Church, which does a lot of wonderful work for people with AIDS in this town--

WOMAN: Actually, it was the foundation, not the church.

MAN: Well, it was primarily the church.

WOMAN: Yeah.

MAN: But was sponsoring an AIDS gala to make money. They expected to raise \$100,000 down there tonight. Unfortunately, in the process of doing that, they took \$1,000 from Prudential, which, as most everybody that's been listening to this show knows, is the insurance company, of course, which is responsible for PruCare.

RADIO HOST: Yeah.

MAN: And PruCare has basically told their doctors that they can no longer make the decision to give out pentamidine mist, which, pentamidine is an approved FDA drug. Using it in an aerosol form is a new administration of an approved drug, which is basically up to a doctor to determine whether they should be able to use it or not. And therefore, if the doctor feels that that's in the patient's best interest, the insurance should pay for it PruCare has said we will not pay for that until it is approved and until it is proven that it works. Unfortunately, as long as they can't use it, it's not going to be proven. And most of the people with AIDS can't afford it.

RADIO HOST: How many people were protesting tonight in front of the Alley?

MAN: There were about 15 of us.

RADIO HOST: 15 of us in a city where there's about 300,000 or 400,000 gay people. That's not too much, is it? That's pretty good odds.

15 folks came out and protested. It seemed to me like a lot of other people would be angry that they're trying to kill us and take our rights away, which we don't have any, anyway. I mean, in this state, we're all criminals and can go to jail tonight.

MAN: And of course, basically, what we were asking and what we were hoping for prior to the protest tonight was that Bering would just say, Prudential, we thank you for your \$1,000, but we would rather you would spend your \$1,000 on pentamidine mist and give it back to them. Bering chose not to do that. And of course, had they been looking at raising \$5,000, maybe, just maybe, we would have viewed it a little differently. But they were looking at raising \$100,000. \$1,000 is just a drop in the bucket when you're talking \$100,000.

And it was really, it was a principal's call. A number of people in the community disagreed with it. Most of the people that were involved tonight were members of Act Up. It was not an Act Up action, however. Act Up met on Thursday night and refused to lend their name to the protest.

RADIO HOST: Did they say why?

MAN: [INAUDIBLE]

MAN: Act Up functions under consensus. And it only takes one person to block a consensus, and consensus was blocked. And the person who blocked consensus had a lot of valid reasons for doing that and did not feel that it should be an Act Up protest.

Of course, the protest went on, anyway. It was not an Act Up protest. It was just a group of people who were concerned and felt like we couldn't just sit idly by and watch that happen.

JIMMY: Bruce, why don't we talk about how important this drug is. Remember at the meeting last week--

RADIO HOST: But Jimmy, they don't care about that baby. As long as they're not sick, they don't care. No one cares out there, you know what I mean? They're too busy going to the bars and the baths and the bookstores, and they're having parties. I really wonder if anybody really cares and wants to hear anything about the drug unless they're sick.

MAN: That's a real good question. And it's hard to say. I would hope that people care. I would hope that the people listening do care because even though we can all sit idly back and say, well, we practice safer sex, and we're not going to get AIDS, I can't say that.

And I don't think there's anyone here that would say there's no way I'm going to get AIDS. I'm negative. And I'm going to stay that way for the rest of my life.

RADIO HOST: Well, we come from a generation that it's a little late to do that.

MAN: Well, that's true.

RADIO HOST: Because we've been doing whatever for the last five or 10 years and god knows. But you see younger people that still don't get the message.

MAN: That's true.

RADIO HOST: And even in California, though, with this Proposition 102 thing, they said that the new cases of AIDS are just about nil in the gay community, and yet, now they want to start slapping people in jail and locking them up.

MAN: And you pick up that [INAUDIBLE] every week. And the people that are dying, every week, they get younger, and they get younger, and they get younger.

MAN: That's right.

MAN: And I'm getting older. But they're getting younger a hell of a lot faster than I'm getting older. And I'm getting old awfully fast.

RADIO HOST: You know, I had a nightmare on Friday night, I guess. I talked to Harry Britt several times this past week, trying to get him to come to Houston. I really didn't have to try. I just called out there and said, Harry, would you come speak to us, and he said yes.

But I had this dream. We had the Heartsong and MCCR Choir is going to sing. The Montrose Singers are going to sing. Nancy Ford, a comedienne is going to be there. We're going to have several speakers.

WOMAN: Comedian.

RADIO HOST: Comedian, she's going to be there speaking. Harry Britt's going to be our big speaker, the Supervisor in San Francisco. And I had this nightmare that everybody was there.

But there were no people. No one showed up. And we were all standing there having this wonderful rally for life, and we were the only ones that cared about our lives. I wonder what it's going to take to wake up the city and wake up the country. Can't anybody out there understand what the hell's going on?

MAN: I think a lot of people understand. I think they're just very afraid of it. And when you're afraid of something, the easiest way to try to deal with it is to ignore it.

But by ignoring it, it doesn't go away. It just sits there and festers. And eventually, you feel like you have to do something. But hopefully, that will happen before it's too late.

RADIO HOST: That's kind of like the hatch kids last week or the week before. One of them said, well, when it's time to come out, we'll know. And I said, yeah, I know. I waited 20 years.

MAN: Right.

RADIO HOST: How long are you going to wait? Now, we had-- how many panels were on that quilt, 8,000, some odd. And that's not even the tip of the iceberg.

MAN: There were 8,000 on the ground.

RADIO HOST: How long do we want to wait? Anyway, once again, we're going to be giving away videos and books, right, to help promote the rally, the Celebration of Life Rally, November 27, down in front of City Hall. If you would like to win a VHS copy of *The Life and Times of Harvey Milk*, it's a wonderful movie. It won an Academy Award back in 1970, I think. No, it couldn't have been--

WOMAN: It couldn't have been '70.

MAN: It wasn't that long ago.

RADIO HOST: Was it 1980? [LAUGHING]

MAN: Maybe.

RADIO HOST: Hello, hello, I should be at home.

MAN: No, it wasn't even that late because I was in Baton Rouge, so it was about four years ago.

RADIO HOST: It's about four years old. But it's a wonderful film. We're going to be giving away copies of the VHS movie absolutely free. If you'd like to enter our drawing, just send your name and address to *After Hours*, in care of KPFT, 419 Lovett, right here in Houston, 77006.

The guys from U of H will be joining us here in just a second. At 3 o'clock, we're going to have our news and calendar segments. So give us a call, and let us know what's on your mind. And if anybody out there doesn't believe that we're really fighting a war for our existence, call me right now, and let's talk about it, 526-4000.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

MAN: [CHUCKLING] Oh, well. Everybody laugh.

RADIO HOST: Why are we laughing?

MAN: We're filling time.

RADIO HOST: Are we laughing?

MAN: Laugh. [LAUGHING]

RADIO HOST: Why are we laughing? What happened? What are we laughing about? What happened? What'd we miss?

MAN: We're filling time.

RADIO HOST: Oh, we're filling time.

MAN: Hm.

RADIO HOST: Well, this morning, we've got some folks from the University of Houston.

MAN: Yay.

MAN: Yay.

WOMAN: [CHUCKLING]

MAN: Here's one tonight.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

RADIO HOST: A lot of sports news. Well, tell us who you are. And what the hell are you doing here? No. Queue that guy because I saw him on the cover of a magazine. But we won't tell you which magazine.

MAN: We're not supposed to mention the name.

RADIO HOST: No.

MAN: The centerfold.

RADIO HOST: He was the centerfold. [LAUGHING]

JOHN BERGO: My name is John Bergo. I'm President of the Gay, Lesbian Students' Association at U of H.

FRANK MORALES: Oh, I'm Frank Morales. I am the Public Relations Officer I always act confused, so that's OK.

BRIAN LEHMAN: My name's Brian Lehman. I'm a member of the GLSA.

RADIO HOST: And Brian's the one that, we gave your book away, right?

BRIAN LEHMAN: [INAUDIBLE].

RADIO HOST: Well, we didn't give it away. The hatch gang, they said to give it away.

BRIAN LEHMAN: And they haven't heard one on one.

RADIO HOST: I went out with Roger to the U of H to buy his books. And there were banners everywhere about your little organization.

JOHN BERGO: Oh, yeah.

RADIO HOST: How is that received on campus?

JOHN BERGO: Pretty good. Last year, we had one ripped down. But nobody's ever done it since.

RADIO HOST: Really?

JOHN BERGO: They get kicked a little bit when people walk by them. But that's about it.

RADIO HOST: Really? What's that noise?

MAN: [INAUDIBLE].

MAN: [CHUCKLING]

RADIO HOST: We've got Bruce and Mike in there making noise.

MAN: [CHUCKLING]

MAN: They look confused.

RADIO HOST: We are confused. How many people are in the group this year?

JOHN BERGO: We've got probably about 40 members who are active.

RADIO HOST: Really?

JOHN BERGO: Yeah.

RADIO HOST: Are the meetings public or--

JOHN BERGO: Oh, yeah.

RADIO HOST: Do you have to be a member to be there or can anybody just come--

MAN: Anybody can come in.

JOHN BERGO: Meetings are public. We have people who come from Rice people who come from TSU.

MAN: Oh.

JOHN BERGO: We also have people who come who are just faculty and staff, and a few people who come who have nothing to do with any university anywhere at all.

MAN: [CHUCKLING]

JOHN BERGO: And our meetings are weekly, on Wednesdays at 3:30 in the afternoon.

RADIO HOST: Really?

JOHN BERGO: Yeah, in the University--

RADIO HOST: Oh, really?

JOHN BERGO: Really?

RADIO HOST: No, I know. Really, I'm just watching them. This is fun. And it is too bad this isn't TV--

MAN: [LAUGHING]

RADIO HOST: --because they could--

MAN: [INAUDIBLE].

RADIO HOST: Well, we were talking about doing a show with who, Judy?

JUDY: All sorts of strange people.

RADIO HOST: [LAUGHING] We're talking about the Texas-- the Lone Star Nudist in January.

JUDY: Oh, it can be wonderful.

RADIO HOST: Except we're all going to sit here naked.

JUDY: And I won't take pictures--

RADIO HOST: [LAUGHING]

JUDY: --and sell them.

RADIO HOST: John, you were in Washington during the quilt, right?

JOHN: Oh, yeah, and it was great.

RADIO HOST: And Judy, you saw it?

JUDY: Oh, it was wonderful.

RADIO HOST: What could you all tell us about it?

JUDY: That you should have been there if you weren't.

MAN: Yeah, it's just an experience that will completely change your life if you see it.

RADIO HOST: What was the feeling at U of H? Anybody even know about the quilt?

MAN: Yeah, we had an article in the school newspaper about two weeks before I went. And a lot of people knew what was going on. They knew that it was happening. And I had a lot of people who wish they could have been there but who couldn't make it.

MAN: And I didn't get to go to Washington to see it, either. But it's kind of funny that we're talking this way. I've got some friends in St. Louis who saw it when it was touring the country who saw it there. And they called me down here to make sure that I didn't miss it. I mean, they were that impressed with it.

RADIO HOST: You saw it in Houston, right?

MAN: Yeah, yeah, I saw it here.

RADIO HOST: Beautiful thing. Anyway, it'll be back, hopefully, in-- when is that March on Austin?

JUDY: In April.

MAN: April.

RADIO HOST: In April?

JUDY: Be part of it. It won't be all of it.

RADIO HOST: Did you guys know who Harvey Milk was before the show or before your involvement in your group at U of H?

JOHN BERGO: Oh, yeah, I knew probably when I was a junior in high school.

RADIO HOST: What about Harry Britt?

JOHN BERGO: Didn't know too much about him, just that he had replaced Harvey Milk.

RADIO HOST: But you did know the name? Did you guys know who Harry Britt is?

MAN: Not Harry Britt.

RADIO HOST: Does anybody understand what this means with Harry coming to Houston. Out of all the places in the country that he could be on the 10th anniversary of the death of Harvey Milk, he's going to be standing on the steps of our City Hall. And I have had calls from gay people all over the country in New York and Chicago and LA who were very angry that Harry's coming here and not going there.

And Rick Ruvello in Harry Britt's office, he said, Harry's gotten a lot of flak from some of the folks here in San Francisco because they wanted him to speak here. And I said, well, what did he say? And he said, somebody with the Harvey Milk Democratic Club, which is like the GOPC in San Francisco, had asked him, Harry, why are you going to Houston? And Harry said, because the movement needs me in Houston.

So it was very impressive. We were really excited. And we're very, very lucky. And it'll be a wonderful, wonderful evening. It's all going to be for you down in front of City Hall, a celebration of life.

And we've got some music by Tom Robinson, I believe, should be in the third cart machine, or we won't hear it. [LAUGHING] We'll listen to that. If you have some questions for the gentlemen from U of H, give us a call at 526-4000. We'll take those right after this.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

MAN: We can hear you.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

[LAUGHING]

RADIO HOST: You were expecting more people here or what?

BRIAN Oh, I was. I just was informed about it last night.

LEHMAN:

MAN: [CHUCKLING]

BRIAN Yes, John, I just found out about it last night, OK?

LEHMAN:

MAN: [LAUGHING]

WOMAN: You're in trouble, John.

MAN: This is communication at its best.

WOMAN: Well--

MAN: Was that intended?

MAN: [LAUGHING]

RADIO HOST: You know, Harry Britt called and said that they found an airline ticket for the trip to Houston. And it was very, very inexpensive. Our Program Director went out to San Francisco last week, and it cost almost \$1,200 to send him out there.

So the plane fare was under 400. And he said, I don't know if we should pay for it or not because I don't know if I'm going to get my money back from you or not. [LAUGHING] And I said, Harry, this movement runs just like it did 20 years ago and always has. It's on a shoestring.

WOMAN: Part of a shoestring.

RADIO HOST: You come to Houston, and we'll get you back home. Anyway, 526-4000's the number to call if you have questions for the U of H. What's the group called, Gay and Lesbian Students--

JOHN BERGO: It's the Gay, Lesbian Students' Association.

MAN: Correct.

RADIO HOST: My god, they've got associations for university students, and the teenage group was in here last week.

WOMAN: You can't be gay if you don't know your alphabet.

RADIO HOST: Where was all this when I was here? Where was all this 15 and 20 years ago?

MAN: We've had a group at U of H ever since 1975.

RADIO HOST: Really?

JOHN BERGO: It's been three different groups over that period of time. But there's been a group there almost all the time.

RADIO HOST: What are some of the things you've got planned for the future?

JOHN BERGO: Right now we're working with spending a lot of our energy and our time working on planning a Lesbian, Gay Awareness Week for the spring, February 1988-- 1989, actually. And we're also working with the Students' Association, that's the student government, on an AIDS Awareness Week. And that's also going to be in the spring. And right now, we're working on raising money, so we can help pay for all those things later on.

RADIO HOST: So how are you going to raise money?

MAN: My question.

JOHN BERGO: Yeah. [CHUCKLING]

RADIO HOST: I've been unemployed for two months.

MAN: Can I be first in line?

RADIO HOST: For what? Wait a minute, are we getting off track? [LAUGHING]

MAN: For fundraising.

RADIO HOST: 526-4000's the number to call. Are you all having fundraising events?

JOHN BERGO: Yeah, we had a car wash a couple weeks ago in the parking lot of Mary's.

MAN: A successful one.

RADIO HOST: Was that fun?

JOHN BERGO: Yeah, we raised over--

RADIO HOST: Did you wear your bikini drawers or?

MAN: No, I wore biker shorts.

RADIO HOST: That'd probably work just as well [INAUDIBLE].

JOHN BERGO: [LAUGHING] And we have a couple of events coming up on campus. We're selling concessions for one of the larger on-campus events. And we should make some money at that. And the biggest thing that we're planning right now is a garage sale for November 12 on Kipling, half a block off Montrose. And that's an event that we're co-sponsoring with the Gay, Lesbian Switchboard of Houston to raise money for both our organizations.

RADIO HOST: Well, that sounds interesting.

WOMAN: Boy, can I spend money at garage sales.

MAN: I know.

WOMAN: I'm in trouble.

JOHN BERGO: We held one last year, and we raised quite a bit of money.

RADIO HOST: What's the biggest problem you face at U of H being openly gay, anything? No?

JOHN BERGO: It depends on--

RADIO HOST: Brian, you're shaking your head no?

BRIAN I think sometimes with the signs, I think that's the only thing I could think of offhand.

LEHMAN:

MAN: Oh, the banners?

BRIAN Yeah, like the banners and stuff.

LEHMAN:

FRANK It's amazingly pretty tolerant. We hear very few instances of people trying to abuse us in any way, shape, or
MORALES: form. Although, John will help tell about this. He was judging this stand-up comic contest that was SPV, the Student Programming Board, was putting on for their Star Search.

It was in the pre-finals. And then John was-- help judging that. And I was there. And there was this one person who was a walk-up who started to tell faggot jokes.

MAN: Oh, how wonderful.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

FRANK And who had no idea the President of the Gay, Lesbian Student Association was one of the three judges.
MORALES:

JOHN BERGO: And so needless to say, he came in last place.

MAN: [LAUGHING]

WOMAN: I like your attitude.

RADIO HOST: 526-4000's the number to call. Hello?

MAN: Hello.

RADIO HOST: What's up?

MAN: I want to know what you all did for National Coming Out Day. Did you have any sort of commemoration?

FRANK MORALES:

JOHN BERGO: We had something that was pretty successful. At first, we considered doing something really large. But we decided that since coming out is a personal experience, we would do something that would be a little smaller and might touch people a little more personally. So we made some large banners and posted them in the University Center at the University with slogans such as Come Out, Come Out, Wherever You Are and Show Your True Colors.

FRANK MORALES:

JOHN BERGO: Yeah, isn't it time that we had that little talk?

JOHN BERGO: Yeah, isn't it time you had that little talk?

MAN: That little talk.

JOHN BERGO: Yeah, then we got an editorial that I wrote that was published in the school paper. And we had information tables up where all the fast food places are on campus to give information about the group and about coming out to people who were walking by. And we did that for two days. And we had quite a few people stop and take information and learn a little bit more about the group and maybe feel a little more comfortable about coming out on campus.

MAN: So you had a good response?

JOHN BERGO: Yeah. And those of us who felt comfortable with it, and I've got mine on right now, these little lavender ribbons that say true colors on them.

FRANK MORALES:

JOHN BERGO: Yeah, that was our theme for coming out was True Colors.

JOHN BERGO: And probably about 30 of us wore them around campus all day long. And no one really had any trouble because of it. And it was a great experience.

FRANK MORALES:

JOHN BERGO: And it wasn't only gay and lesbians that were wearing them. We also had some straight members of the--

JOHN BERGO: College Democrats--

FRANK MORALES:

JOHN BERGO: College Democrats.

FRANK MORALES:

JOHN BERGO: --who wore them around, just we didn't even ask them. They just picked them up to support us.

MAN: That's great.

JOHN BERGO: It was an amazing experience. It was very good.

RADIO HOST: There's a lot of support out there for us.

JOHN BERGO: Yeah, there is, especially, I think, among younger people. It's a little bit easier.

MAN: A lot more than you'd realize. Yeah, there is a lot of support.

RADIO HOST: Well, listen, thanks for calling.

MAN: Thank you.

RADIO HOST: 526-4000 if you've got questions for us this morning. Talking about the Gay and Lesbian Student Association at the University of Houston.

FRANK MORALES: And there was surprisingly almost no negative incidences at the table. The tables sit out in the very front main entrance of the University Center satellite, which is--

JOHN BERGO: An incredibly busy fast food facility.

MAN: Yes.

MAN: [LAUGHING]

RADIO HOST: I've been out there. The scenery's nice too.

MAN: [LAUGHING]

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

RADIO HOST: Why didn't I go to college?

JOHN BERGO: We decided we should open a daytime bar there.

RADIO HOST: A daytime bar. Some of the professors I know out there who would go for that. [LAUGHING] You guys brought some music for us?

MAN: Yes, we did.

RADIO HOST: OK, if that's ready, we'll listen to that.

MAN: Oh, they looked panicked over there.

RADIO HOST: They're looking [INAUDIBLE]. And after that, we're going to have the news brief. It'll be national, local, and national news. And then Kay's going to come in with the Bulletin Board, the Community Bulletin Board.

And god knows what's going to happen next. Are you ready? OK, this is *After Hours* on KPFT in Houston.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

