

GIGI RAVEN WILBUR: Now, I've had partners in the past that said they didn't feel a whole lot. Are there exercises or things that women can do to increase their receptivity to feelings?

CAROL QUEEN: I think definitely there are for women who have had sort of difficulties with their sex life that are about having non-consensual things done to them or abuse situations, those kinds of things. And of course, there are plenty of women with that sort of thing in their history, whether it was as young women or as kids or even as more grown-up adults.

There are a lot of problems that can go along with sexuality as well as many wonderful pleasures. There's a great book I always recommend for women like that. And I think that although it's written from and for a women's point of view that I think many men who might have been in such a situation might get a lot out of it too, since there are so few works for men in that situation, period.

And it's called *The Survivor's Guide to Sex* by Staci Haines. I used to work with her at Good Vibrations in San Francisco, where, as you know, I still work.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes.

CAROL QUEEN: I'm the staff sexologist there now that I've got my doctorate in sexology. Great place to work. I get all the sex toys I could ever want. I get a discount.

JIMMY CARPER: And I've been there. It's a wonderful--

CAROL QUEEN: It's a wonderful store.

JIMMY CARPER: It is. When you think about going in and looking at vibrators and stuff, you think maybe it's a little on the sleazy side. But no, this is a very warm and loving type of atmosphere.

CAROL QUEEN: That's right.

SPEAKER 1: And the staff are great.

GIGI RAVEN WILBUR: Yes.

SPEAKER 1: I mean, they'll come up and--

CAROL QUEEN: For you in Texas. Now, some of your listeners may not even know this unless you've been raising consciousness, but sex toys are illegal in Texas.

SPEAKER 1: Yes, they are.

CAROL QUEEN: Vibrators are illegal. I went to visit GiGi in Houston a few years back, and the only vibrator I could find in the entire city was in a sex shop, quote, unquote that was mostly erotic lingerie, because that's all you can legally buy. You can dress sexy, but you're not supposed to act it, I suppose.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes, that's it.

CAROL QUEEN: And it looked like a chili pepper. And I thought, well, maybe if they have a special codicil to the law that if it looks like it's part of the national dish of Texas barbecue it must be all right.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes, then it's OK. Yes.

CAROL QUEEN: I think that's possible. I don't know. I didn't see anything look like a chicken leg or anything, though.

JIMMY CARPER: You see, there's two laws here in Texas. And one is that you cannot buy a dildo--

CAROL QUEEN: Right.

JIMMY CARPER: --in Texas. However, you can own them.

CAROL QUEEN: You can own them.

JIMMY CARPER: But you cannot own more than six.

CAROL QUEEN: Because that is intent to distribute.

JIMMY CARPER: That's right.

CAROL QUEEN: Not just that you have a lot of friends who have different size preferences.

JIMMY CARPER: Right. And I'm here to tell everyone that I have at least a dozen.

CAROL QUEEN: Oh, you--

JIMMY CARPER: At least.

CAROL QUEEN: Civil disobedience.

JIMMY CARPER: There we go.

CAROL QUEEN: If people who are local to you in Texas are listening and they don't have enough wonderful places to buy sex toys in Texas-- there can never be too many, I think. We should have one in every single mall. This is a backwards country.

JIMMY CARPER: Right. I agree with you. Yes.

CAROL QUEEN: They can go to www.goodvibes.com. It's not written out as Good Vibrations. It's Good Vibes. And they can take a look at what's there and--

SPEAKER 1: Some excellent toys.

CAROL QUEEN: Yeah. We are not in Texas, you see, so we don't have to worry about this pesky law.

JIMMY CARPER: There you go.

CAROL QUEEN: I just actually did an interview and sort of a little tour in our store in San Francisco with some great women from Austin who are doing a documentary on this issue. So maybe one of these days we can hook you up with them, and they can come and be on your show and talk about their documentary project.

SPEAKER 1: Yes. Oh, that'd be great.

CAROL QUEEN: They're trying to shame the legislators into saying, oh, this is a silly old law we'll get rid of it.

JIMMY CARPER: And they should. Absolutely should.

CAROL QUEEN: As well they should. That's right.

JIMMY CARPER: Well, I know Ray Hill has done a one-man show here. He's kind of the grandfather of gay rights here in Houston. And he's done a Ray Hill and sex. And he talks about his lovers and all of that. And he ends up by talking about the dildos laws. And he has this big kind of duffel bag. And he just pulls them out, one right after the other.

And he's done this show many, many times. And he has many more than six. And he defies-- he says, come arrest me. I've got more than six.

CAROL QUEEN: They're going to say that [INAUDIBLE].

SPEAKER 1: And you've seen my toy cabinet.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, my God. Yes.

CAROL QUEEN: That is beautiful. Well, yeah, so in addition to that-- that was just sort of a little commercial moment there. But in addition to toys-- and of course, if somebody has had a difficult time with their sexuality, either because of things like abuse or issues like ignorance-- I mean, there's a whole other kind of sex abuse that we rarely talk about, and that is the sex abuse of not giving kids information about their bodies.

JIMMY CARPER: Absolutely.

CAROL QUEEN: Not letting them know that sexuality and those pleasurable feelings are all right. Not letting queer kids know that there are other people like them. There's so much abuse of silence that accompanies and sometimes worsens the abuse of action.

SPEAKER 1: You bet it does.

CAROL QUEEN: And so for people who need to overcome any of those kinds of problems, self-exploration is a very, very important step, which is not to say that it's only good for you. Of course, self-exploration and self-pleasuring is fun too. There's a lot to be said about it. But Staci's book, *The Survivor's Guide to Sex*, will get into a lot of specific exercises for women who have had difficult histories.

And of all of the books about recovering from sexual abuse or trauma, hers is the only one that really looks forward to saying, and you want to be a strong, empowered, pleasure-filled sexual person. All the rest of them stop a little short of that.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes. And I think that that's very, very important for women, because if they've been abused sexually, then there's a lot of bugaboos there to get over.

CAROL QUEEN: It is crucial. And if they can't find a way to come to a place of erotic pleasure, well then, of course, their abuser really, truly did harm them.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, oh, yes.

CAROL QUEEN: As they are able to overcome if-- you never erase what happens to you in your life that isn't pleasant. Just as we can't erase the things that are great about our history. But finally--

SPEAKER 1: Yeah, and I think you said it--

CAROL QUEEN: Yeah. They can learn to overcome anything.

SPEAKER 1: I think he said a key word there that I think needs emphasizing, and that is self-empowerment.

CAROL QUEEN: Absolutely. Absolutely.

SPEAKER 1: When you start discovering your body and how to respond to your own body and playing with yourself, it can be very self-empowering.

CAROL QUEEN: Really exploring, realizing that you can have pleasure any time, and you don't have to wait for a partner to give it to you. Now this is especially an issue with some women. Plenty of women have been masturbating since day one, of course, and they're happy about it. And they have more sex toys than are legal in Texas and they don't have any question about their right and their ability to do that. It's a wonderful, healthy space.

But so many women are trained by this culture, gay and straight, to wait for their lover, their Prince or Princess Charming to come along. There's a sex educator in San Francisco who says that one of the most damaging things about women's upbringing is the belief that someday my prince will come and so will I.

[LAUGHTER]

And maybe we can change the gender for lesbians. But still. The idea that in order to be truly fulfilled, you need to have a lover. Now, having a lover is great. I'm not going to argue for one minute against how great it is. But your nerve endings belong to you.

SPEAKER 1: That's right.

CAROL QUEEN: All of them. And you can play with them any time you want. And it doesn't mean that you don't love your lover if you play with your own part. That's the other corollary.

SPEAKER 1: I think maybe you have to play with your-- be happy with your body and play with your body, almost before you can be a very good lover.

CAROL QUEEN: Yeah. I would agree.

SPEAKER 1: I'm not here to speak for women or about women because I'm not a woman, but I know that most women in this country have been brought up, taught that sex is dirty and you only do it to please your husband or blah, blah, blah, and all of that. But you should never like it. And and it's through parents. It's through schools. It's through religion and all of that. When you hear that from when you're very young, it's very tough to get over it.

CAROL QUEEN: It's very all-pervasive. And in some parts of the country now and some more progressive colleges and things, there's really beginning to be a shakedown among younger and younger women about what their rights are, their sexual rights are. It's not just a sort of a dry feminism that doesn't have some focus on the pussy and on pleasure and stuff.

But it's very important to remember that not everybody gets access to that kind of thinking. And even those of us who have had access often have had difficult pieces of our upbringing before we got old enough to think about these things ourselves. And the messages we get when we're two, three, four, five years old, they can last our entire lives if we don't specifically think about what they were and say, you know what? I want to have a different kind of life than my mother had.

And of course, every woman-- almost every woman who has come out as lesbian or bi has on some level made a statement like that, except for those of us who had lesbian or bi moms that we knew about. Bless those moms. But some of those moms even have not been the greatest role models because of all the homophobia that they had to struggle against.

They couldn't help it, but I definitely know of one young, really great, empowered young dyke who had a lesbian mom who was so ashamed of herself that she really put at least as much bad feeling on her daughter as the straightest, most Christian mom might have done. And she had to fight a slightly different battle than the dyke daughters of those Christians, but but in some ways still very similar.

So each one of us has to look back in our history and say, what is it that I've got to overcome in order to truly be empowered this way? That's part of growing into maturity, anyway. And it's really part of growing into a wonderful sex life.

GIGI RAVEN Yeah. On another thought, I wanted to talk a little bit about exercising the kegel muscles.
WILBUR:

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, yes.

CAROL QUEEN: You betcha. You betcha.

JIMMY CARPER: Tell us how you do it. Tell us what they are.

CAROL QUEEN: That partly answers the big question you asked about how can women get more in touch with their sexuality. One thing is-- now, one of the things to preface this with is that the muscles around the vagina-- and they basically make a figure eight. They kind of go around the vagina and then around the anus. Males have the same muscles in the same place, except there's no vagina. There's a penis there. You know the differences. And--

JIMMY CARPER: Wait a minute. Wait a minute. You slid over that. And I'm trying to get a visual on this figure-eight thing.

CAROL QUEEN: OK. If you think about your lover lying on his or her back legs spread a little bit, and you just draw a figure eight starting at the top of the genitals, where the pubic hair starts, like figure eight. In between where-- the part called the perineum, which is--

JIMMY CARPER: No-man's land.

CAROL QUEEN: --some of our old granddads called it the taint.

JIMMY CARPER: That's right.

CAROL QUEEN: Taint, pussy taint, butt.

JIMMY CARPER: That's right.

CAROL QUEEN: Penis taint, butt. That's the part that separates the two. That's where the figure eight crosses in the middle.

JIMMY CARPER: OK.

CAROL QUEEN: And the muscles go back around sort of behind the anus. And then they go back up around, and they even either go up or over the vagina and the clitoris or the penis, depending on what part you got. And these muscles are, among other things, the things that hold our innards up from falling out the bottom of our pelvis.

[LAUGHTER]

JIMMY CARPER: Well, that's helpful.

CAROL QUEEN: Well, every once in a while, you'll find somebody who has had some severe muscle problems. And they'll have medical conditions that are-- they're a little scary, things like-- imagine what something called a prolapsed rectum must look like. You don't want to get it. You want good muscles and the ligaments that hold everything up to be strong.

It's a little difficult to damage those, but it can be done, especially during way too vigorous fisting and things like that. So when people are doing intense forms of sexual play, they need to be a little cautious not to pull down the architecture. So these muscles are there. They're in each one of us.

And if they're not very strong, several different things are associated with that. Not very strong muscles mean that your orgasms don't feel as strong as they might. So all by itself, that's a good reason to exercise them. It's especially an issue with women, especially as women get a little older, that they can have what's called urinary stress incontinence, which is not the same thing as ejaculation, which happens when the g-spot is stimulated. It's when you sneeze, and you're like, oh, oh. That wasn't good.

And the muscles are the muscles that allow us to stop a stream of urine when you're peeing, and they allow us to stop when we're having a bowel movement. You squeeze, and it stops. And those muscles-- you can understand, those would be important muscles to keep fairly firm.

JIMMY CARPER: You betcha.

CAROL QUEEN: So the way you tone them-- the muscles are called-- usually they're called kegels, because kegel is a shorter, more easy to pronounce word than their real name, which is the pubococcygeal sling. It's a little long. So Kegel is--

JIMMY CARPER: I couldn't remember it.

CAROL QUEEN: Kegel is the doctor that named those muscles after himself. Now for years and years, just like astronomers are still going to astronomy school hoping that they will discover a new star and they can name it after themselves, doctors went to med school hoping that they would discover a brand new body part that no one had ever named after themselves.

So I think about Christopher Columbus in the New World and these doctors just sticking little flags in all the different parts of us, saying, that's going to be the Dr. Jones part right there. So the Dr. Kegel got to the kegel muscles and named them after himself.

JIMMY CARPER: Hey, why not?

CAROL QUEEN: So now we honor him every time we squeeze them down and do an exercise. So how you do this exercise is in the middle of peeing-- probably do this in the bathroom, not right where you are right now-- you stop that stream of urine, no matter whether you're male, female, intersex or what. And feel the muscles that you had to use to make that stop. And that's the muscle that you squeeze down on.

You do it rhythmically. You do a squeeze, and then you do a relax. Because of course, you don't do only one side of a set. You contract your muscle, and then you relax it, so you contract it again, whether you're doing reps at the gym, or whether you're doing these kinds of exercises.

The great thing about these exercises, besides the fact that they help your orgasms feel stronger, is that you can do them anywhere. No one will know that you're fluttering your vaginal or your penile muscles unless you tell them.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes, it's true. I'm doing one right now. And Jamie can't even tell.

CAROL QUEEN: So was I. We're all doing our kegel muscle exercises. If you do them for a few minutes, you can kind of start to get a little frisky feeling, because the actual act of exercising the muscles will up the blood flow somewhat in the genitals.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, I see.

CAROL QUEEN: And when you get right down to it, arousal, besides all the mental parts that go into it, probably the most important parts, the physical part, though, that is most crucial is blood flow. That's what makes arousal happen in people of every gender. So if you're stimulating the genitals, if you're exercising those muscles, it is a form of stimulation.

The blood flows-- one of the things that people who have difficulty orgasming or getting turned on often do that's a mistake is they try to hurry up their arousal. So this is another piece of the question. They try to get turned on too fast. They're trying to match their partner and turn on or what have you. They're trying to rush through sex, perhaps.

And it takes as long as it takes. And when you get right down to it, if it takes three hours to have a full-on, fulfilling sex experience, that was three hours well spent. We've all spent many, many hours doing less pleasant things than that. I don't know why anybody would hesitate at saying, OK, I'll go the distance. In that period of time, you're probably doing many kinds of things.

JIMMY CARPER: That's right.

CAROL QUEEN: You're caressing. You're kissing. You're touching. You're looking. You're doing all kinds of great things. But taking enough time for any given person's body to get turned on is a crucial part of allowing full arousal and full sexual response. And for many people, they can't even have an orgasm if they try to hurry too fast.

SPEAKER 1: Yeah. I think you also touch on the other counterpart of this, and that is deep breathing.

CAROL QUEEN: Yes. And of course, breathing is something that the folks who are interested in tantric sex know a great deal about. And many of us just forget to breathe, except when we have been holding our breath so long that we just have to take in a sniff of air or we're going to fall over.

[LAUGHTER]

So breathing is an important part of the mechanism.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes, it is.

CAROL QUEEN: It's how we continue to stay alive, that and the blood flow. So in sex, while some people like to hold their breath as part of the turn-on increasing it, it actually will sort of increase the blood pressure and the sense of pressure that you're feeling. And remember, it's close to your brain, so it's affecting how your brain is taking in all those sensations, that important part that is your brain and the way it responds to the touch that you feel.

Some people do more extreme things than just hold their breath. They like to cover their own mouth and nose. They like to have a partner do it. It's a sad thing to talk about, but some of the suicides that we hear about, especially among younger people, sometimes there is some indication that those might have been autoerotic accidents, where people were trying to hold their breath using something like a necktie or a rope or something, and then it got out of hand, and they couldn't keep their breath. They died.

But practiced in a safe way, that's one of the ways that people utilize their breath. But if you hold your breath all the time and you never breathe deeply, you don't feel how wonderful the opposite effect can feel, which is all of that air rushing in and suffusing your whole body, and sometimes making the sexual feelings feel as though they are deeper in your body.

It's a little hard to describe this if people don't know the experience, a little hard to talk it through. But I would really encourage everyone with a lover or in masturbation to get up to a high arousal place, and then start to breathe very deeply and rhythmically, and see how it feels to you. You might find that you really, really enjoy it.

And then if you want to make it more of a tantric sex experience, if you're with a partner, breathe deeply together and look into each other's eyes. And then do whatever else you're going to do. It's very intimate. Lots of people are even a little scared to keep their eyes open. And it's hard for them to do. But it's very worth it.

And you can even find that your two sexual experiences will align and attune a little bit, not that simultaneous orgasm is the be all and end all of lovemaking. There's plenty of time for both of us.

JIMMY CARPER: Absolutely is not. Absolutely. And it happens so seldom.

CAROL QUEEN: But when it happens it can be really nice.

JIMMY CARPER: When it happens, it's great. But don't expect it. But it just so seldom happens.

CAROL QUEEN: Yeah. So breathing can make a real difference. And the other thing that breathing will do, that people forget can be really necessary and important in a sexual encounter, is to relax you. You're too tensed up. Now, muscle tension is also part of building up to orgasm, and it's a very pleasurable part for many people.

But if you're too tense to start with, you're not going to have much to tense. You're already tense. And it's not a turn-on tense. It's a, oh, life's too hard. Life [INAUDIBLE].

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah, that's the bad tense.

SPEAKER 1: Bad tense. Yeah.

CAROL QUEEN: So relaxing first lets you really appreciate how nice it feels when your fingers start to-- and your toes start to curl.

JIMMY CARPER: A nice little tension build-up slowly in that, oh, that is so nice.

GIGI RAVEN I'm getting the wrap-up sign.

WILBUR:

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, yes. We've got a packed show tonight, and--

GIGI RAVEN But the show has just flown by.

WILBUR:

JIMMY CARPER: I know.

CAROL QUEEN: Like I said, talking about sex, you never know--

JIMMY CARPER: It just happens.

CAROL QUEEN: It's going to swing right by. If you've got a long car trip across the wilds of Texas to take, start talking about sex.
It'll go by so much faster.

GIGI RAVEN And do your kegel muscles.

WILBUR:

JIMMY CARPER: That's right.

CAROL QUEEN: Do the kegels, talk about sex.

JIMMY CARPER: You can do that driving to Dallas. Yes, not a problem.

CAROL QUEEN: That's right. And when you get there, you can check into a motel and try some of the new things you thought about and yeah.

GIGI RAVEN Well, before we leave, is there any other advice you'd like to put out there for folks?

WILBUR:

CAROL QUEEN: Well, I want to announce to people that I actually have on my website a question-and-answer column.

GIGI RAVEN Oh, cool.

WILBUR:

CAROL QUEEN: And I did it for a local paper here in San Francisco. And I've put it on my website. So I'm at www.carolqueen.com.
And it's queen, just like it sounds, like screaming queen.

JIMMY CARPER: Like screaming queen.

CAROL QUEEN: It's my real name, too. I not steal it from any screaming queen. I was born into the tribe.

JIMMY CARPER: You were born a queen.

CAROL QUEEN: And Carol doesn't have an E on it. It's just the simple spelling of Carol. And also on there are the books and writings that I've done, if people would like to look more into the kinds of writing work, both erotic writing and how-to and informational writing that I've done. But if people have a question, they should email me. They can do it from my site.

JIMMY CARPER: What is that?

CAROL QUEEN: And I will get around to answering the question. I'll post it on the site. And I'll email the answer back to them.

JIMMY CARPER: www.carolqueen--

CAROL QUEEN: Carolqueen.com. About one out of four or so of these is also published on the Good Vibrations website and the *Good Vibes* magazine at goodvibes.com. But people can get more of them at carolqueen.com. And people of every orientation and gender are welcome to write to me, because as I said before, we're not all so different.

JIMMY CARPER: No, that's right. And I welcome letters from everybody because we can all learn from each other.

GIGI RAVEN I'm still waiting for exhibitionism for the brazen.

WILBUR:

CAROL QUEEN: I know. [INAUDIBLE] isn't it, Gigi? There was nothing new in there for you.

GIGI RAVEN No, there wasn't.

WILBUR:

CAROL QUEEN: But the other thing that I would say, just sort of as a closing bit of advice, is that there is an awful lot of parts of the body that we did not even mention tonight. And if your special part of the body was not mentioned, I did not mean to overlook it. You definitely should play with it all you want and tell your partner that you have special feelings there and enjoy it.

GIGI RAVEN Well, we'll just have to do another show to get to some of those parts.

WILBUR:

CAROL QUEEN: There's never enough time to say all that there is to say. I would gladly come back.

JIMMY CARPER: Have you seen-- as a sideline-- have you seen Bill Brent lately?

CAROL QUEEN: I saw him tonight. Matter of fact, I was at one of his readings, *Perverts Put Out*, they're called. I read a very dirty story about Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer and all the elves.

[LAUGHTER]

SPEAKER 1: I love it.

CAROL QUEEN: You can't take this Christmas stuff too seriously.

SPEAKER 1: I love it.

CAROL QUEEN: You gotta take the wonderful parts and then stuff that's too intense, you got to make fun of it a little bit.

JIMMY CARPER: Well, tell him we all said hi.

CAROL QUEEN: Will do. Will do.

JIMMY CARPER: You bet. Thanks for being a guest on After Hours.

CAROL QUEEN: It's always a pleasure.

JIMMY CARPER: Thank you very much, Carol.

CAROL QUEEN: You bet. Take care, you guys.

JIMMY CARPER: You too.

SPEAKER 1: You too.

JIMMY CARPER: Bye.

SPEAKER 1: Bye.

CAROL QUEEN: Bye.

JIMMY CARPER: You're listening to After Hours, queer radio with attitude, on KPFT Houston and KEOS College Station. GiGi, let's talk about BiNet very quickly.

GIGI RAVEN Yes.

WILBUR:

JIMMY CARPER: Because we've got some election news we want to get on.

GIGI RAVEN Oh, OK.

WILBUR:

JIMMY CARPER: OK.

GIGI RAVEN Well, we have our weekly meetings on Wednesday night at 7:30 till 9:00 up at the Lesbian and Gay Community

WILBUR: Center.

JIMMY CARPER: That's right.

GIGI RAVEN 803 Hawthorne. And if I can remember the phone number, it's 713-467-4380 for the Houston BiNet BiLine.

WILBUR:

JIMMY CARPER: OK. Sounds good.

GIGI RAVEN And we'll be back next month--

WILBUR:

JIMMY CARPER: You certainly will.

GIGI RAVEN --with much more sex talk.

WILBUR:

JIMMY CARPER: And tell Jay hi because I always love her book reviews.

GIGI RAVEN Oh, I think she'll be coming soon.

WILBUR:

CAROL QUEEN: Oh, good. Good. I'm glad to hear it. And as a closing song, I've got just the most requested Christmas song ever right here. And it's by Venus Envy. It's called "I'll Be a Homo for Christmas."

GIGI RAVEN All right.

WILBUR:

JIMMY CARPER: And you're listening to it on KPFT Houston and KEOS College Station.

JD DOYLE: I want to invite you to tune in Christmas Eve to Lesbian and Gay Voices for a special edition of Queer Music Heritage, hosted by JD Doyle. I'll play Christmas music old and new, but all of it queer. That's Christmas Eve at 9:00 PM.

[MUSIC - PANSY DIVISION, "HOMO CHRISTMAS"]

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, yes. JD Doyle's Queer Music Heritage every fourth Monday on Lesbian and Gay Voices right here on KPFT Houston. And we have some late-breaking election news. I know when I left my home tonight, we were-- let's see, it was 96% of the vote was in. And Brown was leading by 10,000 votes. So do we have a final?

SPEAKER 2: Yes. We have a final--

JIMMY CARPER: Yes, [INAUDIBLE].

SPEAKER 2: Well, actually, it's-- with still the last-- and I mean just minutes ago.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes.

SPEAKER 2: On our crusty news computer here, getting the--

JIMMY CARPER: Crusty?

[LAUGHTER]

SPEAKER 2: Hot off the computer press here with still 95% of the precincts bringing in their tally here. The numbers are Lee Brown won at 162,751 votes to Orlando Sanchez's 152,552 votes. That means Lee Brown won by 10,199 votes, or 52%. Sanchez lost by 48%.

Lee Brown said that Orlando-- he congratulated Orlando Sanchez for a hard-fought campaign, and Orlando--

JIMMY CARPER: We should police that.

SPEAKER 2: And so Sanchez, in his concession speech, said that Brown--

JIMMY CARPER: Wait, wait, you--

SPEAKER 2: Orlando gave--

JIMMY CARPER: He gave a concession speech?

SPEAKER 2: Yes, he did.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, OK.

SPEAKER 2: And he said that Mayor Brown ran a very well-run, hard-fought campaign. And for the--

JIMMY CARPER: So they both lied.

[LAUGHTER]

SPEAKER 2: And this is news, a politician lying. And for the council, this is [INAUDIBLE] from Ada Edwards.

JIMMY CARPER: Hey, Ada.

SPEAKER 2: We have Rainbo de Klown.

JIMMY CARPER: Rainbo de Klown.

SPEAKER 3: They were just dancing in the street.

JIMMY CARPER: I'll bet they were.

SPEAKER 2: I bet they were.

SPEAKER 3: But the people were honking their horns as they were driving by. And I know it was for Ada Edwards, because she won. Yes, she won.

JIMMY CARPER: Ada Edwards won.

SPEAKER 3: It was 52% for Ada, 48% for Mr. Womack.

SPEAKER 2: So that's identical.

JIMMY CARPER: Didn't I just hear that?

SPEAKER 2: Yes, it's identical.

SPEAKER 3: And it shows to you that grassroot people-- grassroots campaigning works, because they started without much money at all.

JIMMY CARPER: That's true.

SPEAKER 2: They didn't have the big, big money.

SPEAKER 3: And the precincts that carried Lee Brown in, according to the AP Newswire, was the precincts out by the Fort Bend County area, that are part of the city of Houston.

SPEAKER 2: And he did thank Fort Bend County.

JIMMY CARPER: That's my old neighborhood.

SPEAKER 3: He thanked Fort Bend County in his acceptance speech. And he thanked a few council members. He went down the line. And then someone said, how about Annise? And he said, yes, Annise Parker, too.

[LAUGHTER]

JIMMY CARPER: Damn straight.

SPEAKER 2: You bet.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

How dare you use that word around here? Anyway, and for those of you who were thinking that--

SPEAKER 3: Jimmy, Jimmy, Jimmy.

JIMMY CARPER: I don't know. What was I thinking?

SPEAKER 3: I gotta say something about District D, Ada Edwards's headquarters. When I arrived there, they were doing this little chant, District D, D for diversity. Isn't that nice?

JIMMY CARPER: That is nice. That is nice. And Ada will really take advantage of that diversity. And what am I saying? And--

SPEAKER 3: Serve the district very well.

JIMMY CARPER: There you go.

SPEAKER 3: She will serve.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes.

SPEAKER 3: Because she is a very dedicated, hardworking, community activist person. She will not forget us.

JIMMY CARPER: Thanks for saving my butt. Yeah.

SPEAKER 3: And last but not least, for those of you that really care, I got the lotto results. The numbers for tonight are 13, 18, 22, 28, 30, and 54. And there was no winner. So Wednesday it's up to \$10 million.

JIMMY CARPER: Now it's time for me to win it.

SPEAKER 2: Also in the other two races--

JIMMY CARPER: Baby needs a new community center.

SPEAKER 2: --Barry won. Also--

SPEAKER 3: Who won?

SPEAKER 2: Barry.

JIMMY CARPER: Barry. He did win. Yes, he did.

SPEAKER 2: Rodriguez won. And there's some-- the district that Rob Todd had, I can't remember who that person was.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah, I saw that too, and then-- well, I didn't--

SPEAKER 2: I think it was a woman. And I can't remember her name.

JIMMY CARPER: Boy, that would be great.

SPEAKER 2: It depends on who it is.

SPEAKER 3: OK, well, that's our update for you, Jimmy.

JIMMY CARPER: Thank you very much.

SPEAKER 3: And now I turn the airwaves back over to something that really makes sense.

JIMMY CARPER: Wait.

SPEAKER 3: OK.

JIMMY CARPER: You're not talking about me.

SPEAKER 3: Are y'all ready for election hangovers?

[LAUGHTER]

SPEAKER 2: Well, you make more sense of these numbers.

JIMMY CARPER: Rainbow, thank you for coming in and giving us that information. I miss you. You got that van running yet?

SPEAKER 2: No, I'm still waiting for a few more funds. And [INAUDIBLE].

[LAUGHTER]

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, I see. A few more paychecks, is that what you're saying?

SPEAKER 2: A few more paychecks. And now that Mayor Brown is in, I might get to keep my job.

[LAUGHTER]

Oh, incidentally, the percentage points were plus minus 1%. And obviously, that's not enough for the losers. Tough.

SPEAKER 3: Also, what would be interesting is if you turn into this one little religious righteous station next Monday morning.

JIMMY CARPER: Which religious right station is that?

SPEAKER 2: That damn [INAUDIBLE] guy. We'd like to hear what he has to say.

SPEAKER 3: Oh, God, please. I really don't need that kind of a hangover. I don't need that kind of a migraine.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah, he won't be happy.

SPEAKER 2: Poor dear.

SPEAKER 3: And Jimmy--

JIMMY CARPER: But I've got to say this. This election shows that neither candidate is really giving all of the city what they're looking for.

SPEAKER 3: Well, really you can't. No matter how hard you try--

JIMMY CARPER: I know.

SPEAKER 3: --you're going to tick off a group of people.

JIMMY CARPER: But Brown won by 52%. But he also lost by 48%. So--

SPEAKER 2: No, he didn't lose by 48%. He lost 48% of the vote.

JIMMY CARPER: That's right. 48% of the people are not happy with what's going on.

SPEAKER 2: And then you got to figure out how many people really voted, because I think the totals are like 30%.

SPEAKER 3: That's the really pathetic part.

SPEAKER 2: That means 70% didn't even get out and vote.

SPEAKER 3: But the really interesting thing, for a runoff election, for a runoff election, we had more people turn out for the runoff than turned out a month ago, including for the early voting. Now, I vote here in the 34th precinct, which is the-- my voting place is just a block or two away from this station. And--

SPEAKER 2: Half a block.

SPEAKER 3: And the election judges were telling me that they were amazed at how many people came in. And I came in kind of late, like around 1 o'clock in the afternoon to vote. And normally I vote right around 7:00, between 7:00 and 7:30. I'm one of the first ones in there.

And the precinct judge, the election judge was telling me that he was surprised that more people had, by that time, had shown up for voting than had voted a month ago.

SPEAKER 2: Well, the numbers will show that 272,000, 280,000 voted in the last election in November. About 340,000 voted in this one.

SPEAKER 3: So there you go. We just got the numbers. We just got the numbers from Rainbow.

SPEAKER 2: Well, I've been-- they're not official numbers, but as you're watching the TV--

SPEAKER 3: They sounded like numbers to me.

SPEAKER 2: It's kind of fuzzy, but it looks good.

SPEAKER 3: OK. We got to get out because--

SPEAKER 2: Hold on. Hold on. We had one comment someone called in about.

SPEAKER 3: Oh, OK.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah?

SPEAKER 2: It was from-- I forgot to get his name. He lives in the Westbury section. You were speaking of a woman who was elected?

SPEAKER 3: Right.

SPEAKER 2: OK. Her last name is Weissman. And she's actually-- she's not going to be too much of a friend of our community or the progressive community.

SPEAKER 3: Handpicked by Rob Todd.

SPEAKER 2: Yeah, she's a part with Rob Todd's campaign. But that's the Clear Lake District, so that was kind of expected.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah.

SPEAKER 3: Good. Let her stay down there.

SPEAKER 2: So someone just called in there to help clarify for us.

SPEAKER 3: Also, I got one more comment. 10 days after this election, all signs are supposed to be taken down.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, that's going to happen.

SPEAKER 2: Oh, yeah.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, yeah.

SPEAKER 3: That is the law. And about 15 days from now, all the signs for the primary can start going up.

[LAUGHTER]

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, damn.

SPEAKER 2: Oh, God.

JIMMY CARPER: Does it never end?

SPEAKER 3: Never.

SPEAKER 2: If they're legally placed, I'll leave them alone. But illegally placed, I'll tear 'em down.

SPEAKER 3: Where is there a good blowtorch when you need one?

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah, I know it.

SPEAKER 3: Set them up all and--

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, well.

SPEAKER 2: See, that's what's been missing in my life. No rainbow.

JIMMY CARPER: See, Katrina Rose is here all the way from some cold state.

KATRINA ROSE: Minnesota.

JIMMY CARPER: Minnesota.

KATRINA ROSE: Minnesota, don't you know.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes, I do know.

KATRINA ROSE: I came here just to say hi to my sweetie, who's listening on the internet up in St. Paul. Hello, [INAUDIBLE].

SPEAKER 3: Minnesota, isn't it the land of Jesse the Body Ventura, the governor?

KATRINA ROSE: Jesse the governor. Yeah, yeah, yes. Yes, it is.

SPEAKER 2: Well, what would be--

JIMMY CARPER: Is that lavender leather you're wearing?

KATRINA ROSE: It's kind of pink. But yes, it is leather. I managed to find a nice--

JIMMY CARPER: That is so hot.

KATRINA ROSE: Well, thank my sweetie for that.

JIMMY CARPER: OK.

KATRINA ROSE: She dragged me to a leather sale, and I managed to find that, so yes.

JIMMY CARPER: That's beautiful.

KATRINA ROSE: You would die if I told you how little I paid for it, so I'm not going to.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah, I probably would.

KATRINA ROSE: Yeah. Well, what would be--

JIMMY CARPER: And for the radio--

KATRINA ROSE: Yeah.

JIMMY CARPER: --you are wearing--

KATRINA ROSE: It is pink, and it looks like it's designed to look like some sort of snakeskin, but I think it's just some sort of cheapie faux something.

JIMMY CARPER: It's a jacket.

KATRINA ROSE: Well, yeah.

JIMMY CARPER: Well, but they didn't know that. They didn't know what you were wearing that was pink leather.

KATRINA ROSE: Oh, thought KPFT was simulcasting on the air now on TV.

[LAUGHTER]

I figured some things would have changed by the time got back in here.

JIMMY CARPER: No, no, no. Not even close.

KATRINA ROSE: But no, what would be a trip down to Houston without saying hi to everybody at KPFT?

JIMMY CARPER: You betcha. You betcha. And you just walked right in on election night.

KATRINA ROSE: Yeah. That was--

JIMMY CARPER: Just right up your alley.

KATRINA ROSE: Well, I mean, thanks to the internet and everything, you can keep track of it wherever you are. I'm still on Han-Net and saw a lot of-- some substantive discussions and some not-so-substantive discussions over the last couple of weeks.

JIMMY CARPER: Well, that's quite a bit non-substantive.

KATRINA ROSE: Well, yeah. Do you want to find out what all that's about? Get on Han-Net.

JIMMY CARPER: Then there you. H-A-N dash N-E-T at Yahoo groups.

KATRINA ROSE: Dot com.

JIMMY CARPER: Something. Yeah.

KATRINA ROSE: Dot something.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah. It is Yahoogroups.com.

KATRINA ROSE: Yeah. And I guess one thing I was hoping to be able to talk about this evening--

JIMMY CARPER: We have time.

KATRINA ROSE: Well, would have been a good court decision from the Minnesota Supreme Court in a transgender employment case. Unfortunately, it wasn't all that good.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh.

KATRINA ROSE: For those of you who follow transgender law at all, last year the Minnesota Court of Appeals reinstated a lawsuit brought by a transgender woman against West Publishing. And long and short of it is, it involved the bathroom issue.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, that damn thing.

KATRINA ROSE: Yeah. West appealed, and the Minnesota Supreme Court heard oral arguments way back in May. And--

JIMMY CARPER: Don't people see-- watch *Ally McBeal*?

[LAUGHTER]

KATRINA ROSE: Well, there's-- I imagine if all of the bathrooms at West had been *Ally McBeal* style bathrooms, there might not have been a problem.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes.

KATRINA ROSE: But--

JIMMY CARPER: Co-ed bathrooms.

KATRINA ROSE: I don't want to speak out of turn on that.

JIMMY CARPER: It's all stalls. What does it matter?

KATRINA ROSE: Yeah. But needless to say, the decision that the Minnesota Supreme Court handed down wasn't all that good. I don't want to elaborate on it, but I do want to encourage people out there to do a little bit of research.

JIMMY CARPER: That's not going to happen. You're going to have to tell us.

KATRINA ROSE: No, well, just hear me out.

JIMMY CARPER: OK.

KATRINA ROSE: Hear me out. Because what I would like to elaborate on definitely we don't have time for. So this is more for the law students out there, maybe even some of the law professors out there might be listening.

JIMMY CARPER: OK.

KATRINA ROSE: You guys will probably run across the court opinion in this. It's called *Goins versus West Group*. And if you're by chance doing research papers this semester or next semester and you're interested in doing one on transgender law, look at the--

JIMMY CARPER: And it's fascinating.

KATRINA ROSE: Yeah, it is.

JIMMY CARPER: Transgender law is fascinating.

KATRINA ROSE: Yeah, there's so many-- I was about to make an unintentionally bad pun, so I won't do that. But yeah, let's just--

JIMMY CARPER: Gee, I'm glad I stopped you.

KATRINA ROSE: Let's just stick with fascinating. Yeah. Yeah. If you run across this opinion from the Minnesota Supreme Court, all I want to say is don't take it at face value. Yes, unfortunately, the transgender woman lost. But read it. And then if you're so inclined, try to dig up all of the briefs that were submitted to the court in this. And try to see how the court got from point A to point B. And you'll probably be as baffled as everybody so far, which will hopefully be good fodder for law review articles in the future. I know I'm already working on one. And--

JIMMY CARPER: Well I guess I saw your last email as before that was handed down, and you were very optimistic about what might happen and how it was going to--

KATRINA ROSE: I hope I didn't seem optimistic--

JIMMY CARPER: [INAUDIBLE] *Littleton versus Prange*.

KATRINA ROSE: --because the court had had the case for, like, seven months. And the longer the court had it, more people started sweating. And things happen.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah.

KATRINA ROSE: You can never be sure what's going to happen to a case when a court hears it. That's why there's an ethical consideration lawyers have to deal with. You can never guarantee a client how a case is going to turn out, because you don't know.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah, that's right.

KATRINA ROSE: It doesn't matter how good it is or how bad it is. You do not know. But that's one bad thing in transgender law of late. There's some many other good things. I mean, since I was here last, Minnesota is now not the only state in the union to protect transgender people. Rhode Island followed suit. Finally, some state actually went back and added us to a law that had excluded us.

So of course, as kind of a trivia question to that, which some people will ask, and I'll go ahead and give you the answer to.

JIMMY CARPER: OK. Thank you.

KATRINA ROSE: Yeah. Even so, after Rhode Island passed that law still, a Democratic governor has never signed a bill like that.

JIMMY CARPER: Really?

KATRINA ROSE: Because the Rhode Island bill took effect without the governor's signature. The federal government and state governments-- there's always a mechanism to where a law can take effect without the governor signing it.

JIMMY CARPER: Right.

KATRINA ROSE: And what a lot of people don't know is the one in Minnesota was signed by a Republican governor.

JIMMY CARPER: That's amazing. No, I would have never guessed that. Never. Never, never.

KATRINA ROSE: Yeah.

JIMMY CARPER: Wow.

KATRINA ROSE: Trivia, here on KPFT. Who wants to be a millionaire?

JIMMY CARPER: You must have different Republicans up in Minnesota.

KATRINA ROSE: Well, for the longest time, the Republican Party up there was-- I don't know if this was actually the official name, but they would be designated by the letters I-R for Independent Republican.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh.

KATRINA ROSE: And it was truly the case.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah, people are very-- maybe because I think of Minnesota as kind of a agricultural state, and people are more conservative in areas like that.

KATRINA ROSE: Well, there's really no way to pin down anything up there. In all seriousness, look who we have as governor.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah.

KATRINA ROSE: I mean, it's one of the few places ever that a true third-party candidate broke through and won.

JIMMY CARPER: That's right.

KATRINA ROSE: And people vote for the person.

JIMMY CARPER: I don't know if they voted for him or they were just so pissed off at everybody else.

KATRINA ROSE: Well, I wasn't living up there at the time, although over the years I've been up there, I've gotten some familiarity with who all he was running against. And I'm sure there was a lot of each.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah.

KATRINA ROSE: It almost even three-way split in 1998 when Ventura won. He just happened to come out on top.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah. So to speak.

[LAUGHTER]

KATRINA ROSE: I'm leaving that one alone, because Mr. Ventura is much bigger than I am.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes, yes he is. Me too. Everybody is much bigger than me. So what's been going on with Katrina--