

JENNIFER Wouldn't have come up, that's what they were saying.

WAGNER:

CHRIS: I mean, I can see that. I've got a niece that I have that I just love and adore. And at three years old, she's at that inquisitive stage. And so I'm waiting for those questions eventually here. Because when my brother was coming back at Thanksgiving, my other brother was coming home for a Thanksgiving dinner, what my niece was asking was, is his girlfriend going to be coming here, too? And so it's one of those things that I'm waiting for the point that she's going to notice, hey, daddy's got somebody. Nana and papa have people. What about Uncle Chris?

JENNIFER Why aren't you married? Yes.

WAGNER:

CHRIS: Why is he sitting in the kitchen playing with play-doh rather than out on a date with me?

JENNIFER And I went through this thing where I didn't really necessarily want to come out to my nephews until I got

WAGNER: permission from my brother, from their parents. And they actually were being real sensitive because they didn't want to out me without my permission. And I was thinking it'd be easier if you just did it and got it out of the way.

Another thing we haven't talked about, too, we talked a little bit about, but in terms of September 11 and in terms of losses. And maybe there aren't too many people in our listening audience who might have lost people in relationship to September 11th, although I'm amazed that even in Houston here there's family and friends that have been affected.

CHRIS: It's one of those things-- we actually did an interview with some of the people from New York regarding September 11th and just the touch that people had of this tragedy. Even the ones who weren't directly affected, I think it just drew a lot into people and could feel a lot of that community pain.

JENNIFER But even before September 11th, holidays remind us of who's not there, too. And they can bring losses back up

WAGNER: to the forefront. If it's the first year, then it's the first Christmas without them. But it can be the 10th, and it's the 10th year. And in the gay and lesbian community especially, this seems like we've been hit hard by HIV AIDS. And those losses sometimes come around.

And so thinking back to Christmas's past, where I would celebrate that with a deceased partner or with my family of choice who, for 10 years, we would all get together for Christmas, and suddenly, they're not around anymore. So there can also be that empty feeling, that loss, that sadness, that there's people that I wish were here that aren't.

CHRIS: Once you've grown up with certain traditions of what you do for your holidays and you've built that family choice around you, and you've started a new tradition because you've had to. I know some of our members, other co-hosts on the other show, were talking about a Thanksgiving tradition that a certain person always is the one who carved the Thanksgiving turkey. And the first Thanksgiving after she had passed away, it was like, who's going to do it?

It's those simple things. And you think about it afterwards. And it's like, if you were not part of that circle to know about it, it's a strange way to think about it and to remember somebody. But it's the basic things sometimes that trigger the memories on that, when you start pulling out the ornaments and all the stuff out of the attic and the mothballs and you start to see things that may have been stuck away.

JENNIFER Or pictures, people going through family pictures or ornaments that people have given you.

WAGNER:

CHRIS: When you get the whole family together and the photo albums start coming out and tearing through it and all that. One thing you were talking with HIV and AIDS, well, Saturday was World AIDS Day. And I think I can say with September 11th, there wasn't as much emphasis, not that it was heavily emphasized before. But even afterwards-- I mean, this year was less than what I've seen in the past, just basically a simple special on MTV and I think Lifetime showed a movie or two about the topic.

But it's something that we've-- everything's gotten kind of glossed over here lately with the holidays. It actually seems like the year has sped up. I don't know if you've come in contact with people or even with yourself there. I was at work, and it's like, November is over with. We blink twice. And even with the holidays, I always seem to rush more. And this year has just been flying through.

JENNIFER Well, and I think, just a sideline with that, too, there are certainly many good causes in trying to help the people

WAGNER: that were affected by September 11th and also the people now who are fighting the war. But we don't want to forget that there are many charities and needs out there that are dealing with the HIV community and that those needs haven't been any greater or less since September 11th that are still there. And the need's there.

CHRIS: It's one of the things that-- the only story I have of tying September 11th and AIDS together is a simple fact that, kind of a hypocrisy of politics that we've seen with this, with the anthrax scare. We had six people die, maybe 12 people exposed. And the cost of a dose for Cipro, which is the prophylactic they use, was like \$1.50 a dosage. And both the US and the Canadian governments were talking about breaking that patent because they thought that was too much for a dose that's two times a day for 10 days. It was too much to spend \$1.50 a pill. And they said, well, that's too much. We're going to break the patent.

Well, the United States government fought against the Brazilian and the South African governments because they wanted to break the patent on the AIDS drugs that was \$4 a dosage that was three times a day for the rest of a person's life. And they were going to fight hard to keep those American patents secure. And even with the drug companies finally saying, OK, we'll sell it to them for \$1 a dosage, that's still \$1 a dose three times a day, the rest of the life, for millions of people.

JENNIFER Who maybe make less than \$1 a day.

WAGNER:

CHRIS: Yes. And watching some of the AIDS stories coming up there, it's kind of been swept under the rug and added to. There was a fundraising song and video that was produced by the large radio conglomerate that owns 70% of the other radio stations out there. And it was a remake of *What's Going On* that was supposed to benefit global AIDS causes. And because of September 11th, they tacked in to it a message about intolerance.

And basically, they're taking the proceeds that originally were just going to go to a global AIDS awareness program, and now they're splitting it between the relief efforts and AIDS. And we're seeing something where we're getting these millions and billions of dollars put forward into domestic terrorism but we're not seeing it go towards the HIV and the AIDS and even just basic mental health parts in our community that we need. Because we're all in this basically war footing.

JENNIFER

WAGNER:

Well, I remember reading in different magazines or in *The New York Times* after September 11th, too, some of the very poignant and touching stories about an awful lot of the people who died in all those big firms in the World Trade Center were commuters. So there were different towns along the commuter routes that suddenly there was still 15, 20 cars in a parking lot that night and the next day. And so all these little towns suddenly had families who had lost somebody. So they might have 15 or 20 people from some little commuter town.

And they were saying what a terrible tragedy and what a loss and what a blow. And for people who have been living through the AIDS epidemic, unfortunately, that's not unusual. In fact, that almost can be seen as getting off light. And when you talk to people who say they've lost 10, 20, 30, or 40 of their friends or inner circle or groups and organizations that suddenly have-- when they make their quilt, their quilt can have 50 or 100 different people on there that the Montrose community itself, it's a rough equivalent that-- it'd be like having 100 cars left over in the parking lot that people didn't come home from their work or something.

CHRIS:

That's one of the things that they were-- just something we were talking about-- you're mentioning the word quilt. One of the first things that we're talking about doing, there was a group that was getting together of building a memorial quilt for the World Trade Center stuff. And it's like, we've done that with the AIDS quilt. And sadly, it's to the point now where it cannot even be displayed. It is that large. No that we've depressed ourselves even more with that--

JENNIFER

WAGNER:

Well, one thing we haven't talked about, and that's what to do. What's the cure?

CHRIS:

That's the next part. Where can you go to get some help if you're running into these problems with the holiday times are getting you bugged or just any time of the year?

JENNIFER

WAGNER:

Well, let me start at the least obtrusive and maybe the easiest solutions and then get down to some of the services we offer at the Montrose Counseling Center. But for me, again, the rule of thumb, first of all, is to keep my expectations realistic. And sometimes, I have to sit and ask myself, what am I expecting? What am I hoping for? And the second part of that is, and how realistic is that?

The 12 step programs, AA and all those, they have a wonderful saying when they say you treat the holiday like any other day. And then you'll stay sober. The more pressure you put on yourself that it's going to be the best or the most or the deepest or something and people are going to show me their love, those are when we set ourselves up for hurt and failure and depression and sadness. So keep my expectations realistic.

The second thing is to talk. Find somebody to talk about. So if there is some pain, some loss, just talking about and saying I really miss my partner this Christmas, to feel like I have somebody that I can actually talk to, friends. And also use your support system, whether that's your family of choice, your friends. It could be your family of origin. Some of them may be more supportive than others.

But to plan ahead and say, OK, this is going to be a tough time, so what will I do? How will I up my medication? If my medication is being around friends or talking to people or going out and having some fun or taking care of myself or something by eating some chocolate and watching TV, then can I do that a little bit more to counterbalance the added stress? If it becomes something debilitating, where it's really causing problems, it's really hurting, I'm not sleeping, then counseling can be helpful, too. Counseling can help anyway, just to talk some of these things out.

CHRIS: Also especially if you have trouble building a support network, if you have trouble finding that circle of friends and that comfort level. To sound crass about it, no offense there, but sometimes you have to buy that. And that's where getting into therapy and being able to talk to somebody-- that's why they always say with bartenders, they're great, cheap counselors. Because it's \$5 a drink, and you'll pour out your heart to them.

JENNIFER But if my friends are gone or if I'm really fearful that my friends have heard it all before and they just don't want to listen to me again, that's their problem. It's not yours. Because we have to talk about it as much as we need to. **WAGNER:** But going to a counselor who you're paying to say, sit there and listen to me, even if this is the 10th time I've said it, I think that-- I used to think that-- do you remember the movie *Holiday Inn*? Bing Crosby.

CHRIS: I didn't see that.

JENNIFER It's the first movie where they sang *White Christmas*. But it's Bing Crosby decides to get out of show business and open an inn that's only open on holidays. He doesn't have to work the rest of the year. I always thought you could do a counseling business just on holidays. I'll just be your emergency there for the holidays. And I'll do the holiday counseling and be free the rest of the time because that's when people are under so much stress. Just have someone check in for 15 minutes, an hour, and just say, let me just dump them-- I'm home with my family. Let me make an appointment with you, dump about how crazy they are. Then I'll go back in again and be able to handle them for another 24 hours.

CHRIS: Hey, if Butterball can have a 1-800 line just during Thanksgiving, I think they can probably just put in a mental health line. And we can borrow Miss Cleo's 900 lines once they finally shut her down. I mean, we can see where it's-- some of the stuff the Montrose Counseling Center is a great resource because they are accepting of people in the community because they are the community down there. Could you go through some of the specialized groups in that that you have there and maybe some of the--

JENNIFER Well, we have a lot of different services. We're a very large organization. And besides counseling, we even have case management for HIV and outreach programs and prevention programs for HIV and chemical dependence. **WAGNER:** We have our own intensive outpatient program for chemical dependency. So sometimes for people who are in sobriety, the holidays can be a risky time. And talking to somebody about that and a sobriety plan can be helpful.

Listening to your program an hour ago when they were talking about becoming a happy, healthy, sexual person, one of the problems that could block that is people who have been sexually abused or sexually assaulted. I don't know how well that's known. But we do have grants that actually can help pay for people's counseling if they are gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and are now survivors of either hate crimes, sexual abuse, or sexual assault. And if their income is under, I think, \$24,000, they can actually, if they qualify for that grant, get free counseling.

CHRIS: That's a great source for someone. Because if you're dealing with those issues, you're already in a defensive mode. You already have problems. And the last thing you need is to try and find someone, a therapist, who may not be able to handle or deal with the fact that you're also coming out to them as being not just a victim but also being gay.

JENNIFER And on many levels, just being GLBT means that you're a victim of sexual abuse, whether from teachers or parents or church, sometimes it takes us a long time to be able to look in that mirror and say I like what I see.

CHRIS: Just growing up in heterosexism with the assumption that heterosexual is the right way, the only way, the good way, and statements around that can be seen as an abuse of sorts, that I grow up not getting the same self-esteem as my heterosexual counterparts were getting.

JENNIFER Just to finish that, we're a TCADA site. So that's the Texas Alcohol and Drug-- so we have our people who need

WAGNER: treatment for chemical dependency, can get treatment often at a reduced rate or free, depending on their income. We're a Ryan White funded agency. So people who are HIV positive can get counseling for free if they qualify for that grant. And then I'm the life program coordinator. So everything that's not HIV, not CD, not chemical dependency, and not our anti-violence, it's just the general psychological counseling. So if you're just depressed about Christmas, that's my program.

CHRIS: And with all of these, it's not like you just walk in and pick someone off the shelf. There is a little bit of--

JENNIFER If you call and make an appointment for an intake-- that's the way to come in. You have to come in for an intake.

WAGNER: And you'll see somebody who will do a general history background, find out what the issues are you want to work on in counseling. Usually the charge for that is \$25. And that's usually about one hour. You make the appointment. And then from that, you get assigned to a therapist or counselor. And if you qualify for grants, they'll let you know and do all of that. But that's the first way to access that.

The only other difference for that is if you are suffering at right now or soon, sexual assault or domestic violence. You can call the Gay Lesbian Switchboard, and we can help you immediately and even find shelter. We actually now are offering shelter for people who are having to get out of their situation because of domestic violence.

CHRIS: And that number is 713-526-- no, 529-3211. I'm thinking of KPFT here. 713-529-3211.

JENNIFER I hope you remember what that number is.

WAGNER:

CHRIS: I should. I've been there since 1988.

JENNIFER And our agency at the Montrose Counseling Center is 713-529-0037.

WAGNER:

CHRIS: And you are at that level two story building on--

JENNIFER That's 701.

WAGNER:

CHRIS: 701 Richmond. The men's network is still going on?

JENNIFER Yes. Yes. Michael still does the men's network. We do have a women's network, too. I'm not sure-- they're still meeting. We have groups. Our groups are Chemical Dependency Group. We have several HIV groups. We have Male Sexual Assault Survivors Group. And we have, at times, a Female Sexual Survivors Group that right now is inactive but is getting ready to start again. So those are all there.

CHRIS: So it's a great source in our community if you're out there and you need some help and you need someone to speak with, at least here in the Houston area. I'm not sure-- have to research a little bit of what you can find out for our listeners out in College Station.

JENNIFER They'd have to make a long drive down.

WAGNER:

CHRIS: Yeah. But at least they can get-- if you are out in that area and you're having problems, call them in and at least maybe they can help you hook up with somebody out in that area or a little bit closer to you.

JENNIFER I have heard reports, and I don't know if that changes year to year, but people who actually go to Texas A&M and have found very good accepting counseling in their campus counseling services there.

CHRIS: I think they've come a long way lately. The gay Aggies, there's a support system there, even though they had a little problem with one of their fraternities here lately. But I just want to say we're glad you could join us.

JENNIFER And they have a safe-- was it a safe person program? The names on the tip of my-- but it's people who agree to be safe people for gay and lesbians. And that's a very strong program on Texas A&M's campus.

CHRIS: I hadn't heard of that. Well, we'll have to get some of our queer Aggies that are the hosts on the show here to--

JENNIFER And just one other thing, to one thing we haven't talked about, all the issues we've talked about for the gay lesbians going home to their families, you probably just can magnify that by 100 times if you're transgender and the issues. I mean, if you're going home and everybody is expecting to see Uncle Charlie and it's going to be Charlene this year instead or vice versa, then again, all of the deep pain, alienation, the issues of coming out, all of those are there and sometimes even worse.

CHRIS: We've talked about that on the transgender segment.

JENNIFER Good.

WAGNER:

CHRIS: The big thing is when you come out as gay and lesbian, the parents still have their son or daughter. But when you come out as transgender, it's like killing a sibling. Your son is no more. Now you have a daughter. Or your daughter is no more. And so when you say it's 100 times worse--

JENNIFER And there's no hiding--

WAGNER:

CHRIS: --it is.

JENNIFER --and no passing.

WAGNER:

CHRIS: No.

JENNIFER I mean, you may go home and pass for straight or you may pass to the neighbors for straight, but there's no
WAGNER: hiding with this.

CHRIS: Not when you're transgender. When you start transitioning, that's it. It's out there.

JENNIFER No closet, unfortunately, to ever retreat to in that situation. Do you have any closing thought on this? Or was that
WAGNER: your closing--

CHRIS: No, you're doing well.

JENNIFER Oh. Well, I do hope people have good holidays. I hope we don't scare people. But I always think that it's better to
WAGNER: go in prepared. I do a lot of work with chemically dependent people. And I always say it's better to be prepared
and say, OK, this could be a problem, so I'll have my plan ready. But I don't want to scare people in saying
because I hope the holidays are going to be great for everybody.

CHRIS: If we can get the little bit cooler weather that we had a couple of days ago. Everyone was sitting there freezing. I
know Jimmy was probably wrapped up in three minks and a thermal.

JENNIFER You got that right.

WAGNER:

CHRIS: Christmas comes on a Tuesday this year. So you probably have a chance to take a little bit longer, take Monday
off, have a nice long, long weekend.

JENNIFER I mean, if we can get it to feel like Christmas out here, that's the big part of what everyone I think-- I think the
WAGNER: cold snap helped.

CHRIS: For me, I've had a 10 to 15 year experience of going to Dickens on The Strand. And for me, that's the beginning
of the season. That's, officially now, it's Christmas time.

JENNIFER Everybody has their little ritual. When they do that, then that's Christmas. I think for me it's the Johnny Mathis
WAGNER: Christmas album probably.

CHRIS: Yeah, see? And it's different for everybody. And also, I don't know if you touched on that, is we all have our
traditions, but sometimes those traditions end, and it's time to start a new one, either because of a death of a
loved one or you've moved or something. But you can create your traditions, too.

JENNIFER And if your tradition is we always went over to Joe's house and he invited everybody and then he's not here
WAGNER: anymore, then let's go out to a fancy restaurant.

CHRIS: That's right. Do something different.

JENNIFER New and different. I keep thinking about the first Christmas after I came out. My father was quite up with the
WAGNER: Christmas cheer that day. And one of the Christmas ornament things we have is a leather strap with these large
jingle bells.

CHRIS: Oh my.

JENNIFER And so he came up behind me. He was tying it on my bag. And he said they'll love you down at JR's with this. And I'm going, huh? You just finally started talking to me again, and you're going to make a comment like that? And besides, it's brown leather. That doesn't work.

[LAUGHTER]

CHRIS: And I have kind of a resistant streak to me, too, or a stubborn streak. And I'm kind of determined not to be excluded from the holidays just because of who I am. We're here. And I'm going to have a good time. And it's as much my Christmas as your Christmas.

JENNIFER That's exactly it. Yes.

WAGNER:

CHRIS: Oh, come on. They say don we now our gay apparel, people.

JENNIFER There's a reason for the lines in these words.

WAGNER:

CHRIS: That's right.

JENNIFER I mean, remember-- what was it? Ernie the gay elf in one of those horrible looking '60s Christmas things.

WAGNER:

CHRIS: Rudolf the Reindeer or something.

JENNIFER It was the Rudolph one, yeah. He wants to be a dentist in that, Hermie.

WAGNER:

CHRIS: Yes.

JENNIFER I forget what movie it was they were talking about, the fact that, yeah, there's a gay icon in the old children's cartoons for Christmas. So go out and just enjoy yourself this holiday season. Thank you, Chris, for coming in and joining.

CHRIS: Well thanks for having me. It's an honor.

JENNIFER It's nice you could stay up this late.

WAGNER:

CHRIS: Yes, thank you.

JENNIFER That's the fun part we have trying to get people to come on this show. It's like, sure, we'll be glad to come. OK, this starts at 1:45 in the morning. Huh?

CHRIS: We don't get a lot of religious groups on this show.

JENNIFER Somebody asked me, aren't they going to tape that earlier for you?

WAGNER:

CHRIS: No. No, I like doing it live.

JENNIFER I can tell you Mayor Brown has won the election so that people know we're live and not taped earlier in the day.

WAGNER:

CHRIS: That's right.

JENNIFER Yes, it's one of those things where we could have done it where we dubbed in the voice afterwards there. And it was announced that Mayor Lee Brown has won the election this year.

[LAUGHTER]

Do little poor Debbie-- well, thank you for coming in.

CHRIS: Do you think Sanchez wears eye makeup? I just have to get that in.

JENNIFER Very scary.

WAGNER:

CHRIS: He always looks to me like--

JENNIFER I must say--

WAGNER:

CHRIS: He bathes in it.

JENNIFER I must say, he has beautiful eyes.

WAGNER:

CHRIS: Yes, he does.

JENNIFER He does. They're shifty, but they're beautiful.

WAGNER:

CHRIS: Ooh. Ouch.

JENNIFER I think he's one of those ones that had eyeliner tattooed on the eyelid.

WAGNER:

CHRIS: There you go. The Michael Jackson, Elizabeth Taylor thing.

JENNIFER Yes. Well, I'll tell you, the last political thing on that is I watched the last debate they did.

WAGNER:

CHRIS: No, I couldn't. I couldn't force myself to do that.

JENNIFER I did that. And I'll tell you this. If I had to vote-- I couldn't vote because I don't live in the city limits of Houston. If I was to vote off of just watching that, I would change citizenships.

CHRIS: Ooh.

JENNIFER It was awful. I was waiting for Mayor Brown to actually just start going liar, liar, pants on fire. It was a horrible-- I mean, the most aggressive thing I saw out of that was the reporters to the candidates. Because they said, look, you people agreed to the rules. These are the rules. And you aren't following them. Do it.

CHRIS: Wow.

JENNIFER I mean, when the reporters have to get on your case like that--

WAGNER:

JIMMY: What they were doing was their stump speeches that they have been given for the past two or three months.

JENNIFER Oh, yeah.

WAGNER:

JIMMY: And you can tell that those are speeches that they had said over and over and over.

JENNIFER But that's over and done with for now.

WAGNER:

JIMMY: Sure is. Sure is.

JENNIFER Now to get ready on holidays. Once again, if you're looking for some help, you need some assistance, there you can contact to the Montrose Counseling Center at--

CHRIS: 713-529-0037.

JENNIFER If I start remembering the prefects, I'll get that number right in my memory.

WAGNER:

CHRIS: 529, 529, 529.

JENNIFER OK. And I think we're going to go to some music now.

WAGNER:

CHRIS: You sure are. It's called *Coming Out For Christmas* by the South Coast Chorale. And you're listening to it all on "After Hours," queer radio with attitude on KPFT Houston and KEOS College Station.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

Oh, yes, Bob Rivers and twisted radio. His CD called *I Am Santa Claus*. That's walking round in women's underwear, perennial favorite.

JIMMY: And I'll be doing that tonight.

CHRIS: Oh my. And before that, you heard the late great Sid Spencer with *Its Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas*. Seattle Men's Chorus did-- oh my god. They did the Christmas song. And in the studio, we've got Jennifer.

JENNIFER Hi there.

WAGNER:

CHRIS: Hey.

JENNIFER This is Jennifer of "Reach Out in the Darkness."

WAGNER:

CHRIS: And when are you on?

JENNIFER I am on from late Monday night, early Tuesday morning, 1:00 to 4:00 AM. And I play the sounds of the '60s.

WAGNER:

CHRIS: Whoa, does she ever.

JENNIFER I have a promo in the box about what's coming up this current Monday. I'm also the only radio show in Houston that will play three hours of nothing but female artists. We've done that twice on "Reach Out in the Darkness."

WAGNER: And I would like to give a big congratulations to two of my co-hosts, Cindy and Brenda.

CHRIS: Hey!

JENNIFER I'm celebrating my two co-hosts. They were on the show three weeks ago when we did Women in Rock, Ladies Night Volume Two on "Reach Out in the Darkness." And Cindy and Brenda are celebrating 11 years together tonight.

CHRIS: Oh, that's wonderful.

JENNIFER And I would like to give them a great, big after hours congratulations--

WAGNER:

CHRIS: You betcha.

JENNIFER --on queer radio. Because I'm here. I'm queer. And Jimmy's here, and he's queer. We're all queer.

WAGNER:

CHRIS: Am I ever. We're all queer.

JENNIFER We love to be it. And that's how it is. And that's from Jennifer. And Jimmy will maybe play my promo.

WAGNER:

JIMMY: Right.

JENNIFER And a big congratulations to Cindy and Brenda, 11 years.

WAGNER:

[MUSIC PLAYING]

My name is Jennifer Wagner.

HOWARD And I'm Howard Hayden. I'm the vinyl avenger.

HAYDEN:

JENNIFER Howard helps me do a show called "Reach Out in the Darkness." We play vinyl records from the '60s every late Monday night, early Tuesday morning, 1:00 to 4:00 AM on KPFT, the sound of Texas. Coming up late Monday, early Tuesday morning, December 4th, will be Woodstock revisited, nothing but artists from the original festival.

HOWARD That's Woodstock all night on "Reach Out in the Darkness," 1:00 to 4:00 AM, December the 4th.

HAYDEN:

JENNIFER "Reach Out in the Darkness," where 90.1 FM, the sound of Texas, takes the sojourn to the '60s.

WAGNER:

[MUSIC PLAYING]

CHRIS: Oh, that is the ice.

JENNIFER I sort of stole that because of where-- we're green on the mic, right?

WAGNER:

CHRIS: Yeah, I know.

JENNIFER I can't say this.

WAGNER:

CHRIS: Yeah. We're talking. We're on the mic.

JENNIFER OK. I can't say this. I was going to--

WAGNER:

CHRIS: Oh, you weren't going there.

JENNIFER --say something dirty.

WAGNER:

CHRIS: You've been listening to it to "After Hours," queer radio with attitude on KPFT Houston and KEOS College Station. Oh, yes!

JENNIFER Yee-haw!

WAGNER:

CHRIS: I have been told that the governor, good grief, is in the house. And I'm where at-- I'll tell you that. Yes! And so that means that another edition of early morning groove will be coming your way. At the top of the hour in the background, we've got a good friend of the queer community, Garth Brooks, whose sister is a lesbian, by the way--

JENNIFER Well, good on him.

WAGNER:

CHRIS: --doing, I think, my favorite version of *Go Tell It on the Mountain*. We'll be back next week with more queer Christmas music and all kinds of other good stuff.

JENNIFER We're here, we're queer, and we love it.

WAGNER:

CHRIS: You bet. See you next week.

[MUSIC PLAYING]