

JIMMY: I know that sounds silly, but--

HOST: You know you don't.

JIMMY: --but, I mean, just knowing you over the-- you just seemed like the type that if you're going to be dating someone, you're going to be--

FRANCISCO: He has standards, you mean.

SANDY: I don't have sex just with anyone though.

JIMMY: Right, you're not like me.

SANDY: No.

[LAUGHTER]

I mean, it's like-- I mean, I'm not going to say that I have not tricked or anything because, I mean, I'm a human being.

JIMMY: Sure.

SANDY: And one time, I just like, OK, you're cool and I'm cool. Let's go ahead and do the [INAUDIBLE] but it's like, most of the time, I do know the person.

JIMMY: Yeah.

SANDY: Because it's like, I don't want to get into any trouble. I mean, there's a lot of stuff going on around, and you know.

JIMMY: Yeah.

SANDY: And plus, I'm very susceptible. I've always been very-- I fall in love so fast like this.

JIMMY: Oh.

SANDY: I mean, it's like, if I'm with somebody, and that somebody is great, and we just happened to be like, the perfect match, I'm like, totally love.

JIMMY: Mm-hmm.

SANDY: Because he was good, and then we got along. And then, but most of the time I'm very careful with my feelings.

JIMMY: OK.

SANDY: But no, I'm not a slut. I appear to be.

JIMMY: No. No, I don't get that impression at all.

SANDY: Well, I'm just make--

JIMMY: You can't, but just talking about how you've dated people, and things like that, and things you will do, and things you won't do.

SANDY: I think one of the things that usually throws people out is that I'm very outspoken. I've always said what I feel. If I want to get it, I'll go out and get it.

JIMMY: Go, girl. It's you [INAUDIBLE]

SANDY: But I have my black book, and I'm going to say this. I do have my black book. If I want something, I'll have somebody out there.

JIMMY: So where were we going with this segment this week, this month? What?

HOST: I was just going to say. He used the word that disturbs me.

JIMMY: What?

HOST: And it's very common now to use this word. It used to be the phrase, one night stand.

JIMMY: Yeah.

HOST: Now, it's trick.

JIMMY: Yeah.

HOST: And there's something that really disturbs me about using the same word that those happy little--

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

SANDY: OK, I'm going to bring in the psychology here because I just feel I need to. See, we have come to a point in our lives where a tricked doesn't mean anything to you, but a one night stand might leave a mark. Because a one night stand, you put in more feelings in it.

HOST: Yes.

SANDY: It wasn't just let's go to bed together. You actually took that person to a date. You actually show them a good time. You actually had a good time with a person before getting to the final moment.

HOST: OK.

SANDY: I mean, now, a trick is just like going to the computer, call somebody, see somebody, go do it, then go home. Or stay home and--

FRANCISCO: The hotel.

[LAUGHTER]

SANDY: Or mentioned bluntness that he has.

JIMMY: Yeah, OK.

SANDY: Right there.

HOST: There we go.

SANDY: Bingo.

HOST: OK, so where are we going with this segment?

JIMMY: Somebody on the phone was just asking that question.

FRANCISCO: Well, let's play some music but I do want to--
[LAUGHTER]

JIMMY: That [INAUDIBLE] down.

FRANCISCO: Let us regroup. But [INAUDIBLE] of Nick and Miss Weatherford, who probably driving home from-- they were in a little club out in Pasadena that David goes out to a lot [INAUDIBLE] and our friend Brian has a birthday this week, I think.

JIMMY: Yes, he does. The 27th.

FRANCISCO: The 27th. My friend, Frank, has a birthday on 22nd. And I had my first annual 29th birthday coming up later this month.

JIMMY: First annual?

FRANCISCO: Yes.

JIMMY: My friend Bruce just celebrated his 42nd birthday on Friday.

FRANCISCO: Wow.

JIMMY: Friday the 13th, and it was interesting because he wanted to have a picnic.

FRANCISCO: Oh, wow.

JIMMY: And so, yeah. It was like, a dozen friends. And there's a little park by his house, and the fried chicken, and the baked beans, and the potato salad, and the--

HOST: Checkerboard table [INAUDIBLE]

JIMMY: No.

HOST: A little whatever you call it, gingham, whatever the heck.

JIMMY: No, and the ants weren't invited either. So, it was just kind of a fun thing.

FRANCISCO: Why, that sounds like fun. I'm trying to do something aside from the standard brunch or--

JIMMY: Yes. Yes, that was the whole idea. Yeah, something different.

FRANCISCO: OK.

JIMMY: And something that you don't actually get to do in Houston a lot because either--

FRANCISCO: Yeah.

JIMMY: --it's cold or too hot.

FRANCISCO: Yeah, and the past couple of weeks have been great weather.

JIMMY: Yes, so it was really great.

FRANCISCO: Yeah.

JIMMY: So, we've got a piece of music, that's yours.

SANDY: Oh, it's got a little sponsor.

FRANCISCO: Oh.

SANDY: Yeah, he has eight Mexican-- well, Puerto Rican, actually, singer.

FRANCISCO: OK.

SANDY: And he's done some shows in American television, too. He's about to produce his English CD.

FRANCISCO: Oh.

SANDY: So I'm looking forward to that.

JIMMY: Yes, I read it. Yes, there was a review in some of the gay press about him.

SANDY: And Yes he's very gay friendly.

JIMMY: Yes.

SANDY: I really like that. That he--

JIMMY: Gorgeous.

SANDY: --he's willing to help the community, especially in San Juan, and Miami, and New York, which are--

JIMMY: Very Puerto Rican.

FRANCISCO: Yes.

SANDY: He's Miss Houston. I was going to want that papi chulo to come over and just show me the money.

[LAUGHTER]

But we're just kind of listen to one of his songs.

FRANCISCO: OK.

SANDY: And see if you like it.

FRANCISCO: Very nice music.

SANDY: Oh, good.

FRANCISCO: I don't know what he said, but it just--

SANDY: Oh, he's just great. He's a very romantic singer, very soft and very high note in there. Oh, he just turns me on.

JIMMY: Yes.

[LAUGHTER]

But not this weekend.

SANDY: I need to make an [INAUDIBLE] just in case.

JIMMY: OK.

SANDY: First of all, I want to explain my nationality so that people will understand.

JIMMY: Oh, yes. Yes, I'm sorry.

HOST: You can reference that previous phone call.

SANDY: Yeah, I have reference to the phone call. I am a Honduran American. I was born in Honduras of a Puerto Rican father, which makes me a United States citizen--

JIMMY: Oh.

SANDY: --by birth. My father is half Puerto Rican and half Moroccan, so.

JIMMY: OK.

SANDY: I lived in Morocco for about two years.

JIMMY: Mm-hmm.

SANDY: I used to speak Arabic correctly.

JIMMY: Morocco? Like, wow.

SANDY: And my religious background, it's Catholic, Protestant, and Islamic.

JIMMY: Wow, doesn't that get confusing?

SANDY: Yeah, especially during the holidays.

JIMMY: Yeah.

SANDY: If my father were alive, I will not be celebrating Easter because Islam did not believe Jesus was the Son of God to the whole crucifixion [INAUDIBLE]

JIMMY: Yeah, that's right out the window.

SANDY: So it's very difficult sometimes--

JIMMY: Sure.

SANDY: --with us.

JIMMY: Yeah, how was it between your mother and your father then?

SANDY: Well, their marriage only lasted for about five years.

JIMMY: Oh, OK.

SANDY: He died--

JIMMY: I see.

SANDY: --on my birthday.

HOST: Oh, I'm sorry.

SANDY: Yeah, I told you that's why--

JIMMY: Yeah.

SANDY: I told you the whole thing about my Christmas being very hard on me. And my dad was disinherited actually when he married my mom, because my mom-- this was end of '70s, and my mom didn't convert. Because well, she was very young, and she didn't understand the religion. So my father wanted to give her time to--

JIMMY: Sure.

SANDY: --to understand and to learn. And she tried, and then for some act of faith, he was taken.

JIMMY: Yeah.

SANDY: At a very young age. He was 28 when he died.

JIMMY: Yeah, so that probably made it hard, difficult.

SANDY: Mm-hmm, but it's like I have as much right to be here.

JIMMY: Of course, you do.

[LAUGHTER]

SANDY: But I did come as a wetback, though. I just need to [INAUDIBLE]

JIMMY: Ouch!

FRANCISCO: Oh, we had an interesting phone call call in with that reference earlier.

JIMMY: Yes.

HOST: A bundle of joy that [? he is. ?]

FRANCISCO: Yeah, but we didn't cross the border. The border crossed us, so.

JIMMY: And we've got to get over this. When we say American, it's the United States is sometimes what we mean when we say America. Because there's South America, there's Central America. I mean, there's a lot of America.

SANDY: It's like, I mean, I consider myself an American when I was living in Honduras.

JIMMY: Sure.

SANDY: Because it's a continent. I mean, you're a citizen of the United States here. And it is what we will call you "estadounidense". That's our term for Americans. But it's United States. You're just-- well, the whole situation just goes to the fact that terminology sometimes takes the best of us.

And we live in a society where we need to stop thinking about that, and say we're becoming global-- becoming a global community to the internet, to the fact that I'm as diverse as the people, as the person next to me.

JIMMY: Absolutely.

SANDY: And we need to be understanding of everybody's differences.

JIMMY: I know we say this every month, that the Hispanic community, especially in Houston, is going to be the majority in a few short years.

SANDY: I guess what people have to understand is the fact that historically, we know that the Mexicans were here. We're Texas residents--

JIMMY: Yeah.

SANDY: --before anybody else.

JIMMY: Sure.

SANDY: And they remained because they didn't-- when Texas became independent, when the whole area become New Mexico going all the way to California. When it became part of the United States, those people weren't given United States Citizenship. And what they also don't understand is those people also have Honduran citizenship, but under Mexican citizenship, where they can have dual citizenship.

I can have dual citizenship as well. So it's like I decided to choose that way. I mean, the first thing that I tell people is that if the United States ever goes to war against China--

[LAUGHTER]

I will be the first one to enlist.

FRANCISCO: Yeah, it was interesting. If you look since World War II, it's Hispanics that had the most Congressional Medals of Honors and Purple Heart medals and any other--

SANDY: Really?

FRANCISCO: Yes, exactly, which is kind of interesting in terms of the Congressional Medals of Honor--

SANDY: I had no idea.

FRANCISCO: --and Purple Hearts, yeah--

SANDY: Wow.

FRANCISCO: --are Hispanics. I was watching part of the little return ceremony today of our Chinese spy plane captives.

JIMMY: Yes.

FRANCISCO: And then I can't react. I didn't know there was a Hispanic on board because I just look they've been watching the Ronnie Young family here in Katy.

SANDY: There were about three of them.

FRANCISCO: Yeah, and I was like, wow!

HOST: I was expecting this.

FRANCISCO: Yes! And then two women, and I was like, wow.

JIMMY: Yeah.

SANDY: It was a very diverse crew, and I was very impressed. And also, they were all very young.

FRANCISCO: Yes.

SANDY: That was something that I noticed. I mean, the pilot was about 36.

JIMMY: And what a hunk.

[LAUGHTER]

How did I know that? Wow.

SANDY: I was thinking about the Hispanic father from California. His wife died, and he has three gorgeous kids. And I just go, man, if [INAUDIBLE] guys. I'll just marry you and the doctor was in. But, you know.

FRANCISCO: At 24, what are the chances that one of them is you know.

[LAUGHTER]

SANDY: One out of 10.

JIMMY: Yeah, there you go. OK, 2 and 1/2.

SANDY: It could be the two women, you know?

HOST: 2 and 1/2. [INAUDIBLE]

SANDY: That was a very interesting stage of our country's politics.

FRANCISCO: Yes.

SANDY: And let's hope it doesn't happen again.

JIMMY: I get mad at the European ancestry people. Me being of them in this thought process that they are the only Americans in this country. And that just is not so, and I sometimes think that we went through this assimilation thing in the '50s where people did not want to acknowledge their ancestry. And now, we're finding out that all that we lost because of that.

FRANCISCO: Right.

SANDY: But well, this is just a racial bias. It's like we have a lot of Europeans that migrate to the United States with visas, and they decide to stay. Those are illegal immigrants. Those are wetbacks. Hey, they crossed a huge ocean.

HOST: Yeah, that's right.

JIMMY: They're really wet.

SANDY: Yeah, but they're not being discriminated against because, first of all, they're white. They have white last names, and it's like people don't know that. I mean, out of the illegal aliens living in the United States, 45% of them are from Europe and Eurasia, and all that area.

FRANCISCO: Europe, Eurasia, Russia, yeah.

SANDY: Yeah, and it's like, I mean, then--

FRANCISCO: A lot of Russians.

SANDY: And then, the rest you'll give a very big chunk to Mexico. But hey, they're our neighbors!

FRANCISCO: Anyway, it is amazing if you look at the reason-- I mean, there's been increased border patrol but in terms of when we have illegal immigrants get here to this country. It's huge corporations and business interests that are lobbying for INS to extend amnesty programs, to let people come in, to create safety zones in schools and in workplaces.

JIMMY: OK, princess. I know you're up on stuff like this. The thing that I hear in the white community so much is, OK, these people come to United States, and then they get on welfare, or they take advantage of the hospitalization, and all of that. So set us straight here.

SANDY: OK, I'm going to tell you this.

JIMMY: Please do.

SANDY: That is so totally wrong, especially the illegal community. Because they do not have any papers to get on welfare.

FRANCISCO: Exactly.

SANDY: They don't have social security numbers to get money. They might get aid because of their children.

JIMMY: Mm-hmm.

SANDY: But that doesn't mean that every single person goes to the Social Security offices and ask for money to sustain their kids. Because if one thing Hispanic people have is that we are very proud--

FRANCISCO: Right.

SANDY: --ethnic group. It's like we take care of ourselves. I'm not going to say that there's not one or two that do take advantage of the system, because it's everywhere, you know.

JIMMY: Yes, of course.

SANDY: But the majority, it is not like that. And it's like, hey, we have 360 million people in the United States. The Hispanic community, it's only 35 or so. I mean, you're not going to blame 35 million people on welfare compared to 70% of Caucasians.

JIMMY: Yes, that's what I wanted to hear because I hear that argument all the time in the white community.

HOST: And I wish I could cite the study. But there was actually an economic study that showed that illegal immigrants pay more in taxes than what they get back in terms of benefits--

JIMMY: Yes.

HOST: --from the government. Not only in like-- and that was broken across the board, but in public services as well, not just welfare programs. But they were putting in more tax dollars than they were getting back. The benefits that we get, whether it's police protection, road pavement, that sort of thing.

SANDY: Because of some point their parents that cannot claim their kids because first of all, they don't have social security numbers. They don't have tax IDs, and because we have-- I mean, in Texas, we only pay federal laws. The federal government is a little less stringent. I mean, you can get a tax ID.

But there are some other states where illegal immigrants cannot even be claimed by anybody because they don't have identification. And so, I mean, those people pay their taxes. I mean, they might not get it off their paycheck. But hey, every time you go to the store, you're paying taxes.

FRANCISCO: That's right.

SANDY: I mean, every time you send money outside the United States, you have to pay taxes. I mean, yeah, they're sending all their money back to their families. But hey, you're getting a chunk of it, too. You know how much I paid when I send my grandmother money? I paid \$15!

HOST: Just to send?

SANDY: To send my grandmother one-- yeah, \$100.

JIMMY: Wow.

SANDY: That's a lot of money.

JIMMY: Yeah, it is. 15%?

SANDY: And the government gets-- I think they get 35% of that money.

JIMMY: Man.

SANDY: And it's like, and that's what people need to understand. Even wired transfers. I mean, Western Union, they have to recourse to [INAUDIBLE]

FRANCISCO: They're making a killing. Yeah, they're making a killing. And what I've never understood is a term discovering America. As if like no one actually been here before.

JIMMY: Yeah, exactly.

FRANCISCO: I mean--

JIMMY: The Caucasians stole America. I love it--

FRANCISCO: I mean, I picture if the Indians knew what they knew now. I mean, they would be sitting there on Plymouth Rock looking at the ship, saying, here's some corn. Here's some turkeys. Go back. Happy Thanksgiving. See you next year.

[LAUGHTER]

I mean--

HOST: That's right.

FRANCISCO: --people were here. Things were happening.

JIMMY: Yes.

HOST: Well, there's that joke about the white guy and the Indian talking. And a white guy asked the Indian, "So what did you guys call this place before the white man came?" And the Indian looks in and says, "Ours."

[LAUGHTER]

Yeah, really.

JIMMY: I mean, hello.

HOST: Yeah, I know.

JIMMY: And there was something that strikes me that we're talking about the Hispanic community and people-- we are a country that loves to label things.

HOST: Oh, yeah.

JIMMY: And any group that is not white and in charge, is a minority. And--

HOST: That's why I like Hawaii because there is no majority.

JIMMY: And that just bristles my-- because--

SANDY: And we need to change our mentality, Jimmy. We need to change our mentality otherwise, we're going to have the same problems that are happening in Cincinnati.

JIMMY: Yes.

SANDY: The fact that we have racial profiling.

JIMMY: Yes.

SANDY: That we had people doing all these things just because of the color of your skin. I mean, it's like I don't really exactly-- I mean, I've been following the news that it's like, I remember. I've saw this-- they were doing this series on how to-- [INAUDIBLE] policemen have been killing African-Americans since 1995.

They have killed 15 of them, and they have not been armed. And that's one of the reasons why the whole riot there. Because these people are just fed up.

FRANCISCO: Sure.

JIMMY: Wow.

SANDY: And it's like, people have to understand that-- I mean, it's like, if somebody is dangerous, I mean, if you're a policeman, you're trained to deal with all this.

FRANCISCO: Well, you should be.

JIMMY: Yes.

FRANCISCO: You look at Houston, you have all cases here as well.

JIMMY: Sure.

FRANCISCO: And I mean, I don't think there's not a person of color in the city who doesn't get pulled over and wonder what the hell is going to happen to them. And even if it's at night, make sure you're under a light.

JIMMY: That's right.

FRANCISCO: I mean, two weeks ago, I was profiled by the Gang Task Force. I--

JIMMY: You're kidding.

FRANCISCO: No, I was driving around. I live out in Southeast Houston by Hobby Airport. I'm an impatient person. I was trying to find a fast food restaurant that didn't have a line at 1 o'clock in the morning.

JIMMY: OK.

FRANCISCO: I ended up by South Wayside in 45 in the heart of Houston's East end going in and out of restaurants. Too much too long a line, I'll drive back out. So there's this guy in like tinted windows. I'm looking scraggly. I got a baseball cap on and get pulled over by the task force for no particular reason. They asked for my ID. And of course, at this point, not only am I starving. I can't find a restaurant, so I'm throwing the officer attitude.

JIMMY: And you are so angry.

[LAUGHTER]

FRANCISCO: And so--

JIMMY: Because you know what's happening.

FRANCISCO: Oh, I know what's happening.

JIMMY: Yes.

FRANCISCO: And I was very point blank in my question. Like, why am I being pulled over? And I'm thinking [INAUDIBLE] just take one call.

[LAUGHTER]

But so he comes back. He lets me go, and that even pissed me off. It's like at least have the facade to write me a ticket for something.

JIMMY: Or a warning.

FRANCISCO: Something. And then, it took me [INAUDIBLE] like, and there's a gag or bumper sticker [INAUDIBLE] it had nothing to do with it. Just anything that'll tell you like, I'm not some hoodlum like driving around. But why would-- and this is twice this has happened to me. And the last time that happened it's like three years ago. I was driving an old beat up 80 something like huge car that some low rider would be riding. Because my mother's friend of mine loaned me her car because mine was in the shop.

JIMMY: OK.

FRANCISCO: Middle of the night, wrong neighborhood again, looking scraggly in the middle of the night driving this huge two door '78 Cadillac. I mean, you know.

[LAUGHTER]

JIMMY: No comment.

FRANCISCO: And if anyone thinks racial profiling doesn't happen in this city or somewhere, this guy has got to be out of their mind.

JIMMY: Right.

SANDY: I mean, it happens everywhere.

JIMMY: Yes, and it's not right.

SANDY: Yeah. No, because we just need to come to an understanding with each other.

JIMMY: Because I remember 20 years ago, I had a '64 Cadillac. And I ran it into the ground. I never got stopped.

[LAUGHTER]

I never got stopped. So, if you had owned that car, what do you think would have happened?

FRANCISCO: Oh.

SANDY: In the wrong side of the window--

FRANCISCO: I'd be pulled over regularly.

JIMMY: Yeah.

SANDY: But I remember the policemen were making this argument. It's like, how do we know who is in that car?

FRANCISCO: And who are you supposed to-- who are you supposed to pull-- I mean, what are you supposed to drive? You can't drive an old car, but you probably aren't like in a high economic status. You can't be a minority driving a Benz, or you're definitely get pulled over. If you're driving through River Oaks in your Benz.

JIMMY: Yeah.

SANDY: It's like, that if you're driving a brand new shiny car, you're not going to get pulled over.

JIMMY: But let me tell you something.

SANDY: You know that if you're driving a Mercedes is more like you're not going to get pulled over. If you know that if you're driving a Miata or some kind of a sports car, unless you're like ultra speeding and they actually see you, you're not going to get pulled over.

JIMMY: Let me tell you something. And I understand how it can happen because I've been involved in Q-Patrol for quite a few years, not the last few because of conflicts. But I can remember going out on Q-Patrol, and what we look for is lots of people in a car. Like lots of males in a car, and they're maybe shouting things out.

And you find that you edge toward the racial profiling when you see a car with four or five Hispanics or four or five African-Americans. You look at it more. You follow them more, and it may turn out to be five or six Hispanic queens--

FRANCISCO: Yeah.

JIMMY: --in the car. But it's that idea, and it really embarrassed me. And I really felt bad, but I found myself falling into that trap.

FRANCISCO: Yeah, that's something you sort of had to-- it's something we have to adjust in this community. I mean, you see more and more minorities coming out being comfortable.

JIMMY: Yes.

FRANCISCO: And something keeps coming back into my mind, I was sitting at Crossroads like last year reading the paper, or having something to drink, or whatever. And in walks this totally ghetto gangster teen Hispanic boys that I know had to be coming from like East End, or Second Ward, or something, and they didn't look gay.

I mean, they look this little hoodlums. It was adorable. They walked in. They go to the back. They buy whatever it is they bought. They went to the counter, and then they went off together. Like, they went in. They weren't socializing. I mean, I don't know if they felt out of place. I don't know whatever, but they went in.

They knew what they were doing. They went to Crossroad. They got what they got, and they left. And I'm thinking, and I kept thinking, how adorable. This little gangster boys from East End coming in to a gay coffee shop that are-- [INAUDIBLE] but I mean, they had to know what they were doing.

JIMMY: Yeah.

FRANCISCO: And things are changing. I mean--

JIMMY: I hope so. I really, really hope so.

SANDY: One of the first things that I learned, Jimmy, is like, because I did get stopped. I used to get stopped a lot when I had my old '93 Mercury car. It was white, and it used to get dirty all the time, too. It was always dirty even when I washed it, because he was white.

JIMMY: Sure.

SANDY: And it was the car I used to go to college with. The car where I left my books and where I left the empty bottles and you know. And that's one of the first things that I understood that police look at. The first time when they started approaching to your car, they just get that little light and start looking at what you have. And it's a matter of perception. If they see all this dirt in your car, believe me. They'll start asking questions.

JIMMY: Mm-hmm.

SANDY: But it's like one of the things that I notice because I've been stopped three times. One time, I was driving very badly because I had a cold. I had a slight fever. I needed some medicine, and I was actually driving to the store. And I put my blinker on, but it didn't go all the way. And then I made the turn, and the policeman came. But my car was washed. It was clean in the inside.

And when he came to me, he saw my face, is all my hair all over, and I just told him, give me a ticket if you're going to get me a ticket for that. I have a fever, and I need to go out for my medicine. And then he said he wasn't going to-- he was just wondering what was going on with my blinker. I was like, OK. I just didn't push it all the way around.

[LAUGHS]

JIMMY: I have two friends who are Caucasians. An older woman, who bought my old car and hasn't done a thing with it. I mean, she's just drives it into the ground. And you look in, it looks like she's living in the car. There's all kinds of fast food, just junk everywhere. It's a type of thing that--

SANDY: Onion rings from last year's.

JIMMY: Yeah. Yeah, really.

HOST: Oh, look at that bracelet.

JIMMY: If you're riding in the car, it takes a few minutes for her to clear out the passenger seat so you can actually sit in there. And my friend, Jim, has a car the same way. They're both older cars. They never get stopped. [INAUDIBLE]

SANDY: Well.

JIMMY: Never.

SANDY: I don't know. Well--

JIMMY: What?

SANDY: We wanted to-- [INAUDIBLE] I'm going to try to change the subject--

JIMMY: Yeah, OK.

SANDY: --because we do want to-- it's--

FRANCISCO: Before we start-- before we pull out our placards and start marching around the station.

[LAUGHTER]

SANDY: But, you know.

JIMMY: Yeah, we've got 10 minutes left.

SANDY: I saw this article on the boys, the Houston boys--

JIMMY: Yes.

SANDY: --on PVA, they're organizing campaigns.

JIMMY: Yes, Alex was a guest a couple of weeks ago.

HOST: Can I--

SANDY: He was?

HOST: --say something?

JIMMY: Yes. Oh.

HOST: Can I say something real quick--

JIMMY: Sure.

SANDY: Yeah, sure.

HOST: We try to get something out there to people out on the airwaves and yada, yada, yada. However, I will say this to whoever is listening. If you do not-- if you like our show, that's great. If you don't like what you are hearing on a specific night, change the station.

JIMMY: Well, actually--

HOST: That's all I wanted to say.

JIMMY: OK.

HOST: Well, you just have to be a good listener. I mean, this is a free station.

SANDY: Yeah.

HOST: Go on.

JIMMY: So PVA?

SANDY: Well, I mean, it's like--

JIMMY: Aggressive voters.

SANDY: --I've been reading article, and they're going to start using some other manpower and some other funding to fund our great Annise Parker.

JIMMY: Seems a very aggressive group.

SANDY: See, I don't have an extensive history with PVA. But one of the things that I've always-- I felt very disappointed with it was the fact that they were very biased, especially in the last election, where we had two other gay candidates running for office. And they were never backed, never helped, or never supported by PVA. At least not to my knowledge.

And if I'm wrong, you can always contact me, this show, and correct me. And I'll make a correction. But I mean, I was president of Global ID [INAUDIBLE] back in those days, and we try to help PVA. I mean, I volunteer for PVA a few times. And it was through this time that I realized that it was an organization that wasn't for me. Because I'm the kind of person that I don't focus on just one.

If I'm a gay person, I want to be represented. I want to have as many people as I have, and I did work in the campaign of Andres Pereira. And I felt really bad that he wasn't supported by completely backed by groups like PVA or by the Victory Fund, who it's supposed to help candidates, that gay candidate that want to run for office.

And it's like, I have a lot of respect for Annise Parker. I'm still upset with her through the grapevine. But I do have a lot of respect for her. But I get very--

JIMMY: Well, when you're the first, you have to fill a lot of expectations.

SANDY: Yeah, I get very disappointed because it's like there's going to come a time when she's not going to be able to run, and we have not tutor or support, or diversified or support.

JIMMY: Right.

SANDY: And when she's gone. I mean, the people like what she's doing. I mean, we do not know whether we're going to be able to elect another gay candidate.

JIMMY: What you're saying is--

SANDY: [? After ?] that she's out.

JIMMY: --there's no one coming from the ranks coming up to fill her shoes.

SANDY: We need to start supporting other gay candidates. Last time, we have two. I mean, let's hope that by next election, we're going to have just as much. But we need to put also our resources into those candidates as well. We need to get somebody while Annise Parker is there. Because if she leaves, that's it. We don't [INAUDIBLE]

JIMMY: She'll be running for controller or something. I mean, she's going to work her way up, sure.

SANDY: But there's also the idea that she might not be reelected.

JIMMY: That's true.

SANDY: I mean, she's not the all-knowing, and she--

JIMMY: I don't know what it is. Is it putting all of your-- putting all your efforts to a sure thing or something you think you can win? And not putting the effort into something that may or may not? I don't know. Francisco, you worked on Andre's.

FRANCISCO: Right.

JIMMY: And I know you were very disappointed in some of the backing from the community.

FRANCISCO: Yeah, kind of. I think one of the greatest challenges-- I mean, it's-- I don't know. I mean, I think [INAUDIBLE] was qualified. Certainly.

JIMMY: Certainly.

FRANCISCO: I think a large part of some of lack of support was based on some people thinking it was too soon or on someone else, and just a-- on a whole variety of issues. But I think there's a lot of grumbling and--

JIMMY: Oh, there always will be.

FRANCISCO: Yeah. Particularly this year with just so much just going on in so many things that are happening. That the referendum that's coming up. A lot of folks think that was-- we accidentally started a fight that we didn't-- that were not prepared for. And then already, we got two candidates that are actively pursuing the gay and lesbian vote. And that's already starting to be nasty, having the two separate receptions.

JIMMY: Oh, really.

FRANCISCO: And then there was an event the Caucus had last week with both Mayor Brown and Chris Bell there, and were already sort of taking shots at each other.

JIMMY: Oh, brother.

FRANCISCO: And so that was sort of-- it's interesting. I guess being one of the darker persons in the room, I'm a little ahead--

JIMMY: So to speak.

FRANCISCO: --we're sort of ahead on the learning curve on this. There's no one that's going to be a viable candidate in the city that hasn't been courting the Hispanic vote.

JIMMY: Sure.

FRANCISCO: I mean, we've been in the position before as a community in terms of the Hispanic community. We've had candidates that are both good on our issues, that we have to judge them on other things. And just what I've been hearing over the past couple of weeks from the gay and lesbian community, this is really new for folks to have two candidates that are on equal footing on gay and lesbian issues. And now, they sort of have to think outside that. And say, OK, they're both good on gay and lesbian issues. What do we do now? [LAUGHS]

JIMMY: Yeah.

FRANCISCO: It's like, well, be nice if your streets were fixed. It'd be nice if there were some fiscal management. It'd be nice to have things like that.

JIMMY: Yeah, once you get that, then you get down to the basics. And the things that-- the Harvey Milk philosophy is that we all need some basic things.

FRANCISCO: Right.

JIMMY: And if we don't work together in coalitions, we're never going to attain them.

FRANCISCO: Right.

HOST: Yeah

SANDY: And also, we have the fact that-- I mean, most of these districts are going to be redraw.

JIMMY: Yes.

SANDY: And it's like, you know how Montrose just wants to be part of River Oaks, which is mostly wants to move out, which is mostly a white majority. Because they'll feel they'll be able to have a larger voice, will be able to-- just get a better vote because they're not going to be with the-- [INAUDIBLE]

JIMMY: The whole face of Montrose is changing and with all of these townhouses being built. And the gay community is either going to kind of dissolve over the entire city or regroup somewhere else. No, because it's getting too expensive to live here.

FRANCISCO: Eastwood, Park Place, Garden Oaks, yeah.

JIMMY: Yeah.

FRANCISCO: I mean, you do block walking.

HOST: I'll leave this neighborhood out with a sheet over my head.

JIMMY: Yeah.

HOST: As in horizontal.

JIMMY: The rents are just becoming outrageous, and kind of--

FRANCISCO: And I've done block walking in the past two years on city elections, and last year on federal and state elections in Montrose. And addresses are disappearing. Look at the block walk lists, and you got like, where the hell is this address? And it's gone. And so they make a lot or a new townhome, went up with a different address, and I mean--

HOST: And there's four of them.

FRANCISCO: Yeah.

SANDY: Yeah. And I've done my share of walk ins lately in the area, and there's so much change that it's just very difficult to see. The fact that we've done this before. I mean, I've been doing political campaigns since I was in high school, and this was back in 1996.

SANDY: Hispanic candidate, and then when we were helping Andres. And there's a lot of change, and I hope that if we do-- does disperse, if we moved on somewhere else, that at least, we're still stick together. Because that's what we need to do.

JIMMY: Any last thoughts?

SANDY: Well-- I have no idea. You just caught me off guard for the first time in my life.

JIMMY: Sorry.

SANDY: Well, I hope that everybody enjoyed Easter. And I hope that through our conversations, we become more open-minded to the racial profiling, to start looking at everybody as equal. It doesn't really matter where you come from. You need to just need to stop it.

JIMMY: Yes.

SANDY: It's like we're not just putting sexual orientation into the picture. No, we're not put race it, or whatever else we're putting on it. Let's just start thinking a little bit more before opening our mouths. That's my thought of tonight.

FRANCISCO: Yeah, and I think to sum it up a little bit and not for one person or another, but Chris Bell made an interesting comment at that caucus meeting last week and because he's been criticized for having dinner with Steve Hotze.

JIMMY: Ah!

FRANCISCO: And they got into an argument over gay and lesbian issues, and Steve Hotze was just ranting and raving. He's like, I don't hate gay people. I don't even know any.

[LAUGHTER]

And so--

JIMMY: Oh, that is so asinine.

FRANCISCO: Exactly. So I think we just need to keep our minds open about things, and you get to know people. And that's how you learn people, and who they are, and what they believe in, and how much you actually have in common, so.

SANDY: Yeah, and drive safely and keep calling. We do like the calls of [INAUDIBLE]

JIMMY: Yes, we do. [INAUDIBLE]

SANDY: I love seeing the monitor shining because it makes me feel happy.

JIMMY: Coming up in less than a minute will be *Early Morning Groove*. Thank you guys for being here, Sandy and Francisco. I really enjoy our talks once a month.

HOST: It's always fun.

JIMMY: Yes. See you next month. You've been listening to *After Hours*, queer radio with attitude on KPFT Houston and KEOS College Station. Coming up at the top of the hour, *Early Morning Grooves*. The governor good grief is here, oh, and he's as cute as ever. Yes! So Happy Easter everyone. See you later.

[MUSIC PLAYING]