

**HOST 1:** Are we on? Are we on? Yeah, we're on. I can hear us now, yeah. I'm going to do exactly what you told me not to do. I'm going to move this mic.

[GROWLS]

OK. [LAUGHS] He's violently shaking his head in there. Can you hear me? Are you going to need to close the door? OK. Well, I'm sitting here with the Texas Gay Veterans--

**INTERVIEWEE:** Of Houston.

**HOST 1:** --of Houston. That's it, of Houston, Texas Gay Veterans of Houston. Are there more gay veterans that like Texas Gay Veterans Waco, Texas Veterans in Dallas?

**GUEST:** Dallas has the Texas Gay Veterans, period.

**HOST 1:** Period.

- [LAUGHS]

**GUEST:** Fort worth, Austin, San Antonio, and--

**PATRICK** Possible, El Paso.

**MCILVAIN:**

**GUEST:** --in the process, in El Paso.

**HOST 1:** Cool. Let me tell you who we're with, the Texas Gay Veterans Houston. I'm sitting here with Charles, and Ron, and--

**PATRICK** Patrick.

**MCILVAIN:**

**HOST 1:** Patrick, I'm sorry, and I should remember your name because your name is very familiar around town, I know. Not your name, but somebody else's name that has one just like you, isn't it?

**PATRICK** I don't know. Patrick?

**MCILVAIN:**

**HOST 1:** Very familiar name? Isn't there a guy who sells furniture on TV with your name?

**PATRICK** Oh, no, no, no, no, Mcingvale. Mine's McIlvain.

**MCILVAIN:**

**HOST 1:** OK, there you go.

**PATRICK** But there used to be Judd McIlvain, used to be here years ago on General Living.

**MCILVAIN:**

**HOST 1:** Oh yeah, that's right, Judd McIlvain.

**PATRICK** My cousin.

**MCILVAIN:**

**HOST 1:** Is that right? He's your cousin? Well, there we go. [LAUGHS] You heard it here first on *After Hours*, and these gentlemen had come down and talked to us a little about their group. The last time we had them on was about--

**PATRICK** Christmas, I believe.

**MCILVAIN:**

**HOST 1:** Yeah, about two months ago.

**GUEST:** Yeah.

**HOST 1:** Yeah, and we had a whole bunch of different, three or four different faces here, who talked about this group as it was getting in its infancy stages as it was beginning to take off, and it has obviously taken off here. Here are three different gentlemen sitting here with me, talking about their group tonight. And first, we want to talk a little about membership. You're encouraging gay veterans, lesbian and male.

**PATRICK** And bisexuals.

**MCILVAIN:**

**HOST 1:** And bisexuals.

**PATRICK** Because the actual full title is Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Veterans of America. We in Texas have sort of shortened it

**MCILVAIN:** to just Texas Gay Vets.

**GUEST:** We are a chapter of the Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Veterans of America.

**HOST 1:** And so this group is open to all people?

**GUEST:** You have to be a veteran, and that's about all.

**HOST 1:** A veteran.

**PATRICK** Right.

**MCILVAIN:**

**HOST 1:** All veterans, and you have regular scheduled meetings.

**PATRICK** That's right.

**MCILVAIN:**

**HOST 1:** And what is the purpose of the group? What do you do? What is your goal?

**GUEST:** Well, we've got a little bit of a political agenda in that we want to have the ban lifted on the military, but while we're growing and getting organized, we have some services in mind that we can do. We've got to keep it small. We are small, and we're poor.

So we're starting up this visitation for hospital patients at VA, the ones that will release their names to us. We're planning to do some counseling for the newly diagnosed. That's kind of hard for anybody, and maybe somebody to talk to and ask questions, would be helpful.

**HOST 1:** Diagnosed you meaning HIV positive?

**GUESTS:** HIV.

**PATRICK** HIV or full-blown AIDS.

**MCILVAIN:**

**GUEST:** And also, looking at the possibility of visiting the inpatients at Omega House. Some of them want visitors. Some of them want us to leave them the hell alone, so no problem.

**HOST 2:** Right, all right.

**HOST 1:** OK, so so you're both a community organization and a national organization. Your community-oriented, specifically to what kind of things you're applying to your community, and as a national organization, you have the same political goals--

**PATRICK** Political agenda, correct.

**MCILVAIN:**

**HOST 1:** --getting the ban on gay people lifted.

**PATRICK** Each chapter, you will find some individual things that make that particular chapter unique.

**MCILVAIN:**

**GUEST:** Do you mind if I read from our bylaws.

**HOST 1:** No, go right ahead.

**GUEST:** It's our policies and bylaws. "Our program consists of the following. Number one, repeal of all laws and regulations which discriminate against, gays, lesbians, and bisexuals in military service. Number two, provide support and resource network to gays, lesbians, and bisexuals on active duty in the reserves, or in the national guard, or to any military person who is accused of homosexuality or bisexuality. And then support for gays, lesbians, and bisexual veterans with matters pertaining to discrimination, harassment, and discharge matters." A lot of people running around with dishonorable discharges, and they don't even know they can get them changed.

**HOST 1:** And they can get them changed?

**GUEST:** Yes, they can.

**HOST 1:** And you can help them do that?

**GUEST:** We can help them do that.

**HOST 1:** So if you're out there and listening and you have a dishonorable discharge or even a general discharge, you can help them upgrade that, can't you?

**GUEST:** Right.

**GUEST:** Yes.

**PATRICK** Yes.

**MCILVAIN:**

**GUEST:** Right.

**HOST 1:** I know because we talked before. That's what I got when I walked out was a general discharge, and some people managed to get away without a dishonorable. I was one of those people, and that's a big part. That's a big part of what I see as a service from Texas Gay Veterans is that they can help you get your discharge upgraded, and that can make a lot of difference in your future--

**PATRICK** And benefits.

**MCILVAIN:**

**HOST 1:** Benefits.

**GUEST:** And benefits.

**PATRICK** Especially those of us who are HIV positive, and the the medicine and service that we get at the hospital with

**MCILVAIN:** our-- I don't have insurance, so if it wasn't for my honorable discharge, I would not be able to get my AZT. I wouldn't be able to get the good medical attention that I do get.

**HOST 1:** And where do you guys meet?

**GUEST:** Oh, we meet in the Stone Soup building on what is it?

**GUEST:** Yeah, 803?

**GUEST:** 803 Westheimer on the first and third Fridays of every month.

**HOST 1:** And I believe that--

**GUEST:** At 7:00.

**HOST 1:** --is close to Westheimer and Whitney as you can get. Isn't it Whitney right there?

**PATRICK** Whitney and Stanford, I believe are the two side streets.

**MCILVAIN:**

**HOST 1:** Yeah, that's it, between Whitney and Stanford.

**PATRICK** The old QT.

**MCILVAIN:**

**HOST 1:** Right, the old QT, which has been--

**PATRICK** Next to Art Wren's for those that really go back a long way. Next to Art Wren's.

**MCILVAIN:**

**HOST 1:** Which is really been redone and turned into Stone Soup, and they have a area there for meetings. And the AIDS Foundation allows--

**GUEST:** I have been-- that's something we really sincerely thank the AIDS Foundation--

**GUEST:** Particularly Richard Franz. He was the one that actually said yes, and I didn't even threaten him.

**HOST 1:** One of the finest men down there. I have to say, one of the finest men down there. Richard Franz. And why aren't we meeting at the VA Hospital? I know they have--

**PATRICK** We're not a recognized group.

**MCILVAIN:**

**GUEST:** We're not recognized yet.

**GUEST:** We are not yet recognized.

**HOST 1:** Are we banging on their door?

**GUEST:** Yes.

**HOST 1:** Oh good.

**GUEST:** We are banging on their door.

**GUEST:** But it's not likely to give way any time just real soon.

**GUEST:** Well, this arrangement to see patients, all of them, more or less official basis, yes.

**GUEST:** Yes, but it's--

**GUEST:** It's a foot in the door.

**HOST 2:** It's foot in the door. Well, that's why it opens.

**GUEST:** And of course, we have to do all these things about confidentiality, which will cripple us from talking to you about what we're doing so we can talk to them. And it's basically the idea is that they need some counseling, some help, some answers.

**GUEST:** Yeah.

**GUEST:** And that's more important than getting us the publicity.

**HOST 1:** So didn't I see a bunch of y'all climb into cars and head up to San Antonio recently? Didn't I see that? What went on San Antonio?

**PATRICK** Yes, you did. Your binoculars were good.

**MCILVAIN:**

**HOST 1:** Yeah.

**GUEST:** We had a-- well, actually, we had our first ever national convention. There have been national meetings, but they've always been held in conjunction with something else. And they weren't particularly satisfactory. And there was a let down last year. We had kind of become a one-issue organization over the business of the--

**GUEST:** The ban.

**PATRICK** Lifting the ban, right.

**MCILVAIN:**

**GUEST:** And everybody, they dug in their pockets until it hurt. They worked. They had a lot of hope. They had good reason, and this convention was a reorganization. We adopted a new constitution, which also adds transsexuals or transgender to the--

**PATRICK** Nondiscrimination.

**MCILVAIN:**

**GUEST:** To the people that we include in our--

**GUEST:** But we did not change the name.

**GUEST:** We didn't change the name--

**GUEST:** We figured it was complicated enough.

**HOST 1:** Yeah, I had major heartburn when they made the march on Washington, when they-- it just seemed like the title that would never die, transgender, transexual, bisexual.

**PATRICK** Yeah, alphabet soup keeps going.

**MCILVAIN:**

**HOST 1:** Yeah, just the whole list. I'm one of those people, just call us all gay and get it over with.

**PATRICK** That's right.

**MCILVAIN:**

**GUEST:** We adopted a new constitution. We elected national officers, and we pretty well reorganized. And I think we're off to a good start.

**PATRICK** We've broken that the region down into 15 regions, and we're in Texas Oklahoma and going back to-- we're not recognized yet by the VA. We have to have 1,000 members in order to go to the Veterans Affairs and say, here's our membership. We do exist, and we would like to have meeting facilities at veterans facilities.

**HOST 1:** So hear that veterans. They need some extra members here so that they can be recognized at the VA, which I think is the place where you should be because the whole point-- not the whole point-- but part of the benefit or maybe pain of being in the service of one kind or another is that you are a veteran, and you're supposed to be able to have access to these facilities, regardless of what your--

**PATRICK** Our time served was just as honorable and just as important as my straight brothers and sisters.

**MCILVAIN:**

**HOST 1:** That's right.

**GUEST:** Yes, but can't you see? The American legion, having to share an office with us. Can't you just see those faces?

**HOST 1:** Well, someday, they're going to have to. That's the whole point of--

**PATRICK** Here, here.

**MCILVAIN:**

**HOST 1:** --what we're doing, what you're doing, and what everybody in our community is aiming for.

**GUEST:** Well, another thing we have here is as under our purposes, educate and inform the public about issues relevant to gay, lesbian, and bisexual service members and veterans. Educate or inform the public, I had no idea just-- I mean, when we started this, when I first got into it, that there were so many of us. There are, and the whole nation needs to know that. They're going to know that.

**HOST 2:** Right.

**GUEST:** And it's--

**HOST 1:** 'til we're visible, nobody's going to-- until we make ourselves visible, nobody's going to look--

**GUEST:** We intend to be visible.

**PATRICK** I wish we could somehow acknowledge those whose names are on the Vietnam memorial, of our brothers--

**MCILVAIN:**

**HOST 1:** Well, that would be wonderful, wouldn't it?

**PATRICK** Yeah, because many gays died, have given our lives.

**MCILVAIN:**

**HOST 1:** I personally know several gay people who died and are on the war memorial.

**GUEST:** I do, too.

**HOST 1:** I'm a military brat, and I grew up on military bases all around the world in southeast Asia, and Europe, and here in the continent, and I know several names on that wall that were gay people. And that would be wonderful, and I recall recently that someone tried to do something like that and was removed from the area, trying to designate a couple of names that they were aware of.

It was some sort of formal group that had gotten together to do this, went down to the wall, and designated these people. And their information was removed from the wall, and they were told to leave. And it was in one of the publications, either *Out*, or *Advocate*, or one of the publications that I read. I can't remember right offhand what it was. It may have been in *The Advocate*.

**PATRICK** Well, maybe someday, they can get the acknowledgment.

**MCILVAIN:**

**HOST 1:** Yes. Oh we were and I don't want a separate wall I don't want a separate wall like we did for the women who served in Vietnam. I'm tired of the separate--

**PATRICK** We served together.

**MCILVAIN:**

**HOST 1:** That's right, and it doesn't matter how little or how much you did there. The fact that you were there was all that is needed to be on those walls, and that's how I feel about that.

**PATRICK** Good.

**MCILVAIN:**

**HOST 1:** And so you guys are here to tell people that you need membership. How does one go about doing that? Showing up at a meeting? Can they call you? Get in touch with you?

**GUEST:** We're listed in the-- oh, I believe--

**GUEST:** Back of Twit for sure.

**GUEST:** Twit for sure.

**HOST 1:** If you're listed there, you can get that number also at the switchboard.

**GUEST:** We're in the Gayellow Pages. Yeah.

**GUEST:** That's probably the easiest way would be to show up for one of our meetings.

**GUEST:** And again--

**HOST 1:** Which are?

**GUEST:** --the first and third Friday of each month--

**GUEST:** At 7:00.

**GUEST:** And we meet at 7:00 PM at Stone Soup.

**HOST 1:** At Stone Soup, right there at the corner of--

**GUEST:** Membership is \$25. That's \$10 that goes to national and \$15 stays here.

**HOST 1:** Do you have--

**GUEST:** That's \$25 a year.

**HOST 1:** --to be a member to attend the meetings?

**PATRICK** Not at first, but we'd certainly like for you to.

**MCILVAIN:**

**HOST 1:** Eventually yes.

**GUEST:** And you would need not necessarily be a veteran. We are forming an auxiliary post also for those who would like to support but did not necessarily serve.

**HOST 1:** Great. That was going to be my next question.

**GUEST:** And we have World War II veterans all the way down to, I think--

**GUEST:** Desert Storm.

**GUEST:** Desert Storm, we do have Desert Storm? OK.

**GUEST:** Yeah.

**HOST 1:** Yeah, when David was here last time, he was telling us about the World War II bomber pilot or navigator for bomber crew. He was talking about he was part of your group.

**GUEST:** Can we say names?

**HOST 1:** Can we say names? Yeah, if he doesn't mind, we don't.

**GUEST:** I don't. I guess not. James, yeah.

**HOST 1:** Yeah.

**GUEST:** Jim Grace.

**HOST 1:** Yeah. We were real intrigued by that. And that you had someone from Desert Storm. I mean, from every-- wasn't there someone, some people from Desert Storm? So from everything from World War II all the way--

**GUEST:** On down.

**GUEST:** All the way through.

**HOST 1:** --the most recent altercations.

**GUEST:** Korea, Vietnam.

**HOST 1:** So there are no age barriers? And there are no-- all come together under one canopy. And that is, if you are a veteran, and you are gay or bisexual or lesbian--

**GUEST:** Or transgender.

**HOST 1:** --or transgender, that this is the group for you.

**GUEST:** Right.

**HOST 1:** And I want to tell you that if you want to call here, the gentleman, I'm going to try to talk them into hanging around for about 15 minutes, and they'll take some calls. If anybody wants to ask the gentleman a question, we can stall here long enough for you to dial. What's that number? Hey, who's out there? 526-5738.

**JIMMY:** JAM-KPFT.

**HOST 1:** JAM-KPFT. That's Jimmy screaming in there. They're doing lip signs, lip language to me. And now they look like they're talking about me.

**GUEST:** Uh-oh.

**HOST 1:** So if you have a question, feel free to call, and we'll see if the guys can answer it. Otherwise, we're going to let them out of here. And I'm going to ask them to hang around for about 15 minutes. So if anybody wants to call and talk to them, find out more information, they can get that information from them. Is there anything else?

When we talked earlier, I told you about this [INAUDIBLE]. Is there anything that we didn't get covered and that you really felt like you wanted to? What about future plans? Are you looking at things in the future that you'd like to let people know about or events, fundraisers?

**GUEST:** We're looking at all of those.

**HOST 1:** You're looking at all of those.

**GUEST:** We're still new and growing.

**GUEST:** We're looking at participation in the--

**GUEST:** Gay pride parade.

**HOST 1:** Right, in uniform, in various uniforms.

**GUEST:** I started the Houston chapter. And one of the things that I thought that our community lacks is that we never present colors. And I think that it would help us to be much more part of the inclusive picture by having colors, something very minor, but I think adds a lot to our existence and sincerity.

**HOST 1:** Nothing makes my heart flutter like somebody in uniform presenting colors.

**GUEST:** Right.

**HOST 1:** So when I said about being in uniform, I got kind of a maybe, maybe not kind of-- is that something that's being discussed?

**GUEST:** Nobody's old uniform still fits.

[LAUGHTER]

**GUEST:** And nobody has enough money for a really good set.

**HOST 1:** I know mine doesn't. As a matter of fact, the only thing that fits is the boots.

**GUEST:** Mine was already too tight when I got out.

**GUEST:** So we're looking at coming up with some sort of [INAUDIBLE].

**GUEST:** One thing I might mention, we have even like graduates of the service academies. You know, gay graduates of the service academies don't exist.

**HOST 1:** Oh, you're talking about West Point, Annapolis.

**GUEST:** Yes. Yes, we have active members.

**GUEST:** Yeah, in fact, one of our co-chairs is a West Point.

**HOST 1:** One of the men that was here that night was--

**GUEST:** Yes, West Point.

**HOST 1:** --from West point. And that just goes to say that this is a very diverse group--

**GUEST:** That's right.

**HOST 1:** --who have one thing in common, two things in common, excuse me, and that is that they're gay or transsexual, lesbian, and that they're veterans, and that anybody under those conditions could come down and participate in their group. And they're wanting your participation.

So all you have to do is get a hold of them. You can call here Jam-KPFT and talk to them in a few minutes or you can get a hold of them by checking out their number in the back of the Twit or you can call the switchboard for more information. I appreciate you guys being down here.

**GUEST:** Oh, we're glad that you were willing to have us. More exposure.

**HOST 1:** Yes, anytime you want to come down here, all you have to do is get a hold of me. You know where I'm at. And while I have this, before we go to a song, I want to take this opportunity to say, this show and every show I do, as you all know, are dedicated to the men and women at the Bering Care Center.

So Jimmy, there's a man in the control room. And I have lost Jimmy's attention. I just don't know what to do. Can we play a song now? Thank you very much. We're going to go to a song, and we'll be seeing you in a few minutes.

**HOST 3:** Yes, this is a special song. Sarah and I were talking about it last week because it's Holly Near and Mercedes Sosa. And they're talking about some political things going on in South America. And I thought it would fit in well with what we're talking about tonight. I think you'll like it.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

You're listening to KPFT in Houston, 90.1 FM. That was Holly Near and Mercedes Sosa with They Dance Alone.

**HOST 4:** What a song.

**HOST 3:** Yeah, isn't that great? I love that.

**HOST 4:** Oh, there's heavy breathing in the back.

**CREW:** We're still breathing hard.

**HOST 3:** They were dancing.

**HOST 4:** Who was dancing?

**HOST 3:** Diane and Sarah were dancing.

**HOST 4:** Oh, yeah, it's true. We were. There are people everywhere. What is this phone number? This is our phone number. Tell us about it, Polo?

**HOST 1:** You're on, Polo.

**HOST 3:** It is the After Hours talk line, so you can call and give your--

**HOST 4:** What the heck is After Hours talk lines?

**HOST 3:** Well, if you would dial 867-9448, you'd hear the latest things going on with the Switchboard, about the auction coming up. If you like the show, if you don't like the show, call 867-9448 and tell us what you think.

**HOST 1:** And who put this line up?

**HOST 3:** The Robert Foundation sponsored this line for the great folks at After Hours. Yeah, After Hours is the official radio show of the Robert Foundations.

[APPLAUSE]

**HOST 1:** What does the Robert Foundation that you'd like to talk about?

**HOST 3:** Oh, we're doing a lot of things, a lot of great things. Really don't have anything special that we're going to talk about tonight. We do give out free red ribbons, so if you want a free red ribbon, you can call the Robert Foundation's talk line, which is a different number. But you can call the 867-9448, and we'll give you that number. But we're out there.

So one of the good things that we're doing is we've arranged for discounts to New York City for those people going to the Gay Games and Stonewall 25. We've got Continental Airlines, which is the official airline of the Robert Foundation, is offering discounts and hotels. And we've got free New York maps that we're sending out, so all types of good stuff going on there.

**HOST 4:** And I hear the Switchboard is pretty prepared for that too.

**HOST 5:** Yes and we're prepared because of Polo--

**HOST 4:** And Norbert Foundation.

**HOST 5:** --and Norbert Foundation.

**HOST 4:** Snap, snap, snap.

**HOST 3:** So the number is 867-9448. And you can call it any time if you have a suggestion or if you just can't get ahold of Jewel? You can't find her, give her a call.

**HOST 1:** That's right.

**HOST 4:** And we'll be here for another hour, so you can call us here at JAM-KPFT.

**JIMMY:** 526-5738. Yes, I'm still here. I'm still here. Are we going back to you, Jewel?

**HOST 1:** No, I think we're done.

**JIMMY:** OK.

**HOST 4:** Put a fork in her. She's done.

**HOST 3:** And happy birthday, Jewel. Yes.

**HOST 1:** 39.

**HOST 3:** And holding.

**HOST 1:** And I have gotten so many phone calls tonight.

**JIMMY:** Yes. Oh.

**HOST 4:** Wishing Jewel a happy birthday.

**HOST 1:** And I have got a vegetarian pizza, a cake with real whipped cream topping--

**JIMMY:** And Barbie.

**HOST 1:** And Barbie.

**HOST 3:** And she turns around.

**HOST 1:** Oh, does she?

**JIMMY:** She's a spinner. Oh, yes, she's a spinner.

**HOST 3:** I noticed that when I went to dip the chocolate.

**HOST 4:** She's got that black dress on.

**HOST 3:** She'll twirl it for you, honey.

**HOST 1:** Tell Jimmy he can take it home later and put it on bureau.

**HOST 5:** Add it to her collection.

**HOST 1:** That's right. And I am just as pleased as I-- tickled as I can be that so many people have participated in my birthday this year. Usually my birthday is a real dump time. I've been dumped and stepped on on my birthday for the last six years every birthday.

**HOST 4:** We love Jewel.

**HOST 1:** This is a winner. This is a winner.

**HOST 4:** And you know--

**HOST 1:** Who are we supposed to say hi to out in Pasadena?

**HOST 4:** Pasa-get-down-dena. Besides Cindy?

**HOST 1:** No. Yeah, we know Cindy's out there.

**HOST 4:** Hi, Cindy.

**HOST 3:** Hi, Cindy.

**HOST 5:** Hey.

**HOST 3:** Yeah.

**HOST 1:** Shirley? Who was it earlier?

**HOST 4:** No idea.

**HOST 3:** Shirley, Cheryl, Oprah.

**HOST 5:** Probably the Minerva out there. Hey, Minerva.

**HOST 1:** No, Bonnie wanted to say hi to you earlier.

**HOST 4:** Cheryl, got to be Cheryl.

**HOST 3:** OK.

**HOST 4:** Got to be Cheryl.

**HOST 3:** Cool.

**HOST 1:** And I want to say that I'm hoping-- who was it was supposed to be listening tonight? Who was it?

**HOST 4:** Lots of people.

**JIMMY:** So many.

**HOST 3:** Lots of people.

**HOST 1:** Slade, I know Slade's out there listening.

**HOST 4:** Gabbie, Gabriel, if you're listening, hey, girl. Hi.

**JIMMY:** OK, let's go back to the QMZ and do a little bit more of that.

**HOST 4:** And that would be what again, Jimmy?

**JIMMY:** The Queer Music Zone.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

Well, I think it's about time that we played a little David Bowie in the Queer Music Zone. Got his classic classic-- and I just bought it-- on this great album. Great album with "Space Oddity" and, you know, "Changes," "Ziggy Stardust," and "Diamond Dogs." But what I'm going to play is his classic queer song called-- anybody know? "Rebel Rebel."

[MUSIC PLAYING]

Whoa. OK. That was, as if you didn't know, that was Pansy Division with "Big Bottom." Now, let's see. I've got a letter I wanted to read. Yes, if you recall a couple of weeks ago, we played that "Stop Homophobia" compilation that had Pansy Division on it. And it was from Turkey Baster Records out of Austin.

Well, I sent a copy of that QMZ to Rick who runs Turkey Baster Records. And I got a nice letter back from him. It says, "Dear Jimmy, wow, I'm totally floored. That was very nice of you to record your radio show for me. I really enjoyed it. I wish I could pick it up here in Austin. Thanks also for the nice compliments. It's nice to be appreciated. I'm glad you were into the Happy Flowers." You remember that. We played that Happy Flowers, "I Want to Watch Cartoons."

"I've always liked them and now more so since John came out of the closet. As far as where the record is available"-- that's the compilation record that you heard here-- "I doubt you can even get it at SoundExchange. There are a few distributors who have it. So it might get down there. But right now, it's just available for \$3 from my address. I'll try to get it distributed in Houston soon though. Maybe I can make it down there for a show or something. Again, thanks for the exposure. It meant a lot to me. I'm pretty new in the record biz, so every little bit helps.

By the way, Turkey Baster is not a queer record label. I happen to be queer and will probably do more queer stuff in the future. Maybe "Stop Homophobia 2." Matt at Outpunk-- you recall Outpunk from San Francisco-- "has a hold on the queer punk scene. So he does a damn good job of it. I couldn't possibly hope to match what he has accomplished. Well, keep doing what you do and thanks for supporting the queer scene. Wish there were more like you. Peace, Rick."

Thanks, Rick. Turkey Baster Records, yes. And since we mentioned Happy Flowers, and they are such a strange group, I thought I'd play a little short one, not that four minute piece of "I Want to Watch Cartoons" that irritated a lot of folks.

But hey, that's the type of stuff they do. This is called-- what is this called? This is called-- oh, this is Jim's favorite from Esoteric Adventures. Jim's favorite Happy Flowers song, it's called, "Stop Touching My Food."

[MUSIC PLAYING]

I know you loved it. That was "Stop Touching My Food" by Happy Flowers. And now, by request, some Melissa.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

Oh, yeah, the by request Melissa. I was going to play Melissa anyway, just something else, but I like that one too. And that's Sally's favorite over at Inklings. And also by request, this is request night, and we are taking requests for gay and lesbian, bisexual, transgender music at 426-5738. And this is for Dan from the Soiree because he likes it.