

[APPLAUSE]

JIMMY CARPER: OK, that was The Flirtations by request, "Mr. Sandman." And that's going to end another version, another episode--

GROUP: Aww--

JIMMY CARPER: --of the QMZ, the Queer--

DIANE Queer--

WILLIAMS:

JIMMY CARPER: --Music--

DIANE --Music--

WILLIAMS:

JIMMY CARPER: --Zone--

POLO --Zone, Zone, Zone.

LATONEA:

JIMMY CARPER: --heard right here on *After Hours*, a continuing tradition on KPFT Houston 90.1 FM. And remember, remember the Q Patrol.

[LAUGHTER]

[MUSIC PLAYING]

And now, another special request but it's not in the Q Patrol.

[LAUGHTER]

It's not even in the QMZ either. It's-- what is this silly thing I'm playing? It's by Taylor Dayne. It's a special song, and it's being requested by Sara G. to the one she loves.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

(SINGING) Can't get enough.

DIANE And you know, we can't get enough of saying happy birthday to Jewel Gray.

WILLIAMS:

CREW: Happy birthday!

JIMMY CARPER: Happy birthday!

DIANE Happy birthday!

WILLIAMS:

[CHEERING]

(SINGING) Happy birthday to you, happy birthday to you, happy birthday to you.

CREW: Happy birthday to you.

DIANE (SINGING) And many more.

WILLIAMS:

[WORDLESS SINGING]

And as musically-- as musically inclined as we all are, I think there's just one song that would be more appropriate to sing right now than "Happy Birthday." And that would be The Beatles doing "Happy Birthday." And you know what? We've got it. We're going to play it for you tonight. Happy birthday, Jewel!

GROUP: Happy birthday, Jewel!

[MUSIC - THE BEATLES, "BIRTHDAY"]

JIMMY CARPER: Whoa! Girlfriend!

POLO Happy birthday, Jewel.

LATONEA:

JIMMY CARPER: OK.

DIANE We love you, Jewel. Happy birthday. What a trip, what a trip.

WILLIAMS:

POLO That was more like a complete journey.

LATONEA:

DIANE That was a journey. No, actually that was The Beatles.

WILLIAMS:

GROUP: Oh.

CREW: It's too late at night for this.

DIANE Girl, it's early and you know it. [CHUCKLES] Well, you know-- oh, there's sounds from all over the studio

WILLIAMS: happening.

JEWEL GRAY: Is this mic on?

DIANE Do you have something to say, Miss Jewel?

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: I'm going to send this tape to my sister, and I want her to say for the first official announcement that I have a new nephew. His name is-- Henry Addison Clark.

POLO All right, Henry.

LATONEA:

CREW: Yay!

JEWEL GRAY: Henry Addison Clark.

CREW: Oh, Henry!

JIMMY CARPER: Yay!

POLO You go, girl.

LATONEA:

DIANE Happy birthday, Henry.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: And I'm going to send this to my sister.

DIANE Happy birthday.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: Great.

DIANE Well, you know what? We are not done. We are not done here. It is almost 2:45.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: You thought we've done everything we could do?

DIANE You thought--

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: We got more.

DIANE --we are done. We are awake, we are up. And we're going to tell you about, guess what, culture in the city of

WILLIAMS: Houston. And I say culture, and I mean, Jeffrey.

CREW: Culture and Houston in the same sentence?

DIANE That's right. Stages Repertory Theater presents *Jeffrey*. And I have a little flyer in my hand that says, *Inklings*

WILLIAMS: goes to the theater. And *Inklings*, of course, Pokey Anderson gave this to us. It says, we've gone to the movies now. Join us for an exciting night at the theater. Friends and customers of *Inklings* are invited to Stages to see a sophisticated new comedy, fresh from critical raves in New York.

Jeffrey is about a gay man in his mid-thirties who, exhausted from negotiating safe sex, decides to become celibate. Then he meets the man of his dreams, who is HIV-positive. The play is fast-moving, satirical, very funny, and includes adult situations. Huhu, that's good.

POLO Yeah.

LATONEA:

DIANE We like that. By special arrangement with Stages, Inklings has reserved available tickets for the March 6 performance. So call Inklings for that March 6 performance. We also have an article on *The Chronicle* that says, humor in heart, *Jeffrey*, a funny comforting AIDS play. And it's the first line in it says, Stages has one of its strongest all around shows in years with its Houston premiere of *Jeffrey*, Paul Rudnick's 1993 off-broadway hit.

Likely the funniest play Houston audience will see all seasons, is also one of the most moving and the most urgently needed. Did you say you saw this, Polo?

POLO Yeah, this is great. It really is an excellent show. I saw it in New York, and it is-- it is excellent. And it's funny because-- it's hard to imagine something funny about AIDS, but this gives you a whole new view and vision. It's an excellent, excellent play. And they're making it into a movie. And also, there is a book about it. So if you do miss the chance to see it at Stages, which I encourage everyone to rush out and go see it, but if you do miss it, it's also available in book form. It's an excellent, excellent play.

DIANE Well, it looks great and has a great cast and includes a Joe Kirkendall, Randy Jobe, Connie Cooper, Adrian Porter, and Kent Johnson. And they're all just tremendous talent. So please do go see it. We urge it.

POLO And someone just handed this to me. Thank you.

LATONEA:

GROUP: [WORDLESS SINGING]

DIANE Straight from the wires.

WILLIAMS:

POLO The Gay Comedy Jam Freedom Tour, gay stand-up comics direct from--

LATONEA:

DIANE I'm going.

WILLIAMS:

POLO --Las Vegas.

LATONEA:

DIANE Woo-woo-woo!

WILLIAMS:

POLO Yes, it's a national tour, Monday, February 28. That's tomorrow.

LATONEA:

DIANE Is this tomorrow? It's Monday.

WILLIAMS:

POLO At 8:00 PM at Laff Stop River Oaks, that's at 1952 West Gray. Tickets \$8 in advance or \$10. For more information on the Gay Comedy Jam, call 524-2333.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes!

DIANE Yay.

WILLIAMS:

JIMMY CARPER: And we're all going to be there!

DIANE We're all going to be there. We are going.

WILLIAMS:

JIMMY CARPER: Because it's the lovely and talented Kevin Maye who is going to be there, and I used to work with him at Tenneco.

CREW: Hey--

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah, I know that place. You go, girl.

DIANE If I'm not working, we're there, darling. We are there. So--

WILLIAMS:

JIMMY CARPER: Well, I'm going to kind of skip a switchboard board meeting to go.

DIANE Oh. And you confessed on the air, girl. That is wrong. That is wrong. All of the board members are going to be

WILLIAMS: there. All of them. They're all going. We've canceled the meeting if you have-- if you have a, what, switchboard meeting, then go.

JIMMY CARPER: That's right, because it's going to be (SINGING) fun.

DIANE And that's a fun place, too.

WILLIAMS:

JIMMY CARPER: Yes.

DIANE It's a happening little joint. So go and support this because you know what this means? This means gay

WILLIAMS: comedians get noticed for being gay comedians--

POLO And not just being funny.

LATONEA:

DIANE That's right. And right now, that's what's needed. We may not want that to happen in the future. But for right

WILLIAMS: now, we really need that to happen. So go and support gay folks.

POLO And I'd also like to welcome *OutSmart Magazine* to the community. It's a great new magazine.

LATONEA:

[CHEERING]

Great, great magazine.

CREW: They are worthy, they are worthy.

POLO They are worthy.

LATONEA:

DIANE I personally like it. But I feel just a little bit biased. It's a little bit biased.

WILLIAMS:

POLO It's a keeper, honey.

LATONEA:

DIANE We love it.

WILLIAMS:

POLO Glossy pages.

LATONEA:

DIANE Glossy pages, color.

WILLIAMS:

POLO St. Patrick's Day specific shade. Tell me.

LATONEA:

DIANE Why?

WILLIAMS:

POLO It's green.

LATONEA:

[LAUGHTER]

DIANE St. Patrick's Day.

WILLIAMS:

CREW: To benefit the pride community.

POLO To benefit the pride community.

LATONEA:

DIANE Oh, the pride committee, pride week, Saint Patrick's day.

WILLIAMS:

POLO That's right.

LATONEA:

DIANE Pacific Street, go to it. I have some information here from our friends at the *TWT*, *This Week in Texas*. They're

WILLIAMS: talking about the different groups and organizations that meet in Houston. And there's three or four of them here. I'll read the first one. It's the Aids Coalition Unleashed Power also known as ACTUP, works to advance the effort to find a cure and to fight for the rights of those with the disease in the face of government indifference and hostility. The group meets Thursdays at 7:30, call 523-9199.

Do you want to read the next one? Do you know where we are?

POLO Oh, sure the log cabin republicans of Houston?

LATONEA:

DIANE Queer Republicans, go figure. I'm sorry. I'm sorry. Gay Republicans. I probably shouldn't say Queer Republicans but Gay and Lesbians Republicans.

POLO OK.

LATONEA:

[LAUGHTER]

CREW: OK.

DIANE They're there.

WILLIAMS:

CREW: Uh-huh.

DIANE Let's go read that.

WILLIAMS:

POLO I'm still trying to picture that thought.

LATONEA:

DIANE Yeah.

WILLIAMS:

POLO Well, they're working to achieve equal status and respect for gay men and lesbians and their causes in the

LATONEA: Republican Party. The group's next meeting will be held this Monday, February 28 at 7:30 in the VIP room of Birraporettis. Birraporettis, 1997 West Gray. Visitors, interested persons are welcome.

DIANE Hmm.

WILLIAMS:

CREW: Thank you, Vanna.

[LAUGHTER]

DIANE What a great radio voice you have. You got it. OK, the next one is the group we had on this evening Houston Gay and Lesbian Parents-- [WORDLESS SINGING] Yay, we were first, we had in here. Houston Gay and Lesbian Parents is a social and supporter--

POLO This just in. There is an accident at the East Freeway at Uvalde. So please avoid this area, the Eastex Freeway at Uvalde. There is an exit outbound. Back to you, Diane.

[LAUGHTER]

DIANE Oh, this is cool. See, he's caught on to this traffic computer we have here. He just loves it, just won't let it go.

WILLIAMS: Gay and Lesbian Parents, they were here. It's a social and support group for gay and lesbian parents and their children. Families meet once a month on a weekend for a family activity. Meetings also include time for parents to share their concerns and get support, and for teenagers to talk, and for children to play. The group meets every third Thursday at the Montrose branch library. For information, call 980-7995.

POLO And for our friends in Lubbock.

LATONEA:

[LAUGHTER]

DIANE Stop.

WILLIAMS:

CREW: For all our listeners in Lubbock--

DIANE San Antonio.

WILLIAMS:

POLO Welcome to Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection, MCCR. AIDS is something-- many people don't know me. But I have AIDS. And my eyes kind of go. So I'm sitting here trying to read this small little print in bad lighting.

DIANE It's tiny.

WILLIAMS:

POLO MCCR and its empowerment for living AIDS ministry are hosting a special Houston visit by the reverend, Dr. A. Steven Peters. And I hope that I'm pronouncing his name right. Peters, who has served as film director of the AIDS ministry of the universal fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, is a long term survivor of AIDS. In 1984, he was diagnosed with AIDS and KS and informed that he would not live much longer.

Since then, he has been the subject of numerous print and broadcast interviews and was one of 12 guests at appeared at breakfast held at the White House with President Clinton and Vice President Gore. Peters will appear at the 10:45 AM and 6:00 PM services and will also make a special presentation at the empowerment for living meeting on Tuesday, March 8 at 7:00 pm.

MCCR is located at 1919 Decatur. For more information, please call 861-91-79.

JEWEL GRAY: Is this guy natural or what?

DIANE What a great voice, what a great voice. Also, the AIDS foundation Houston has something in here. It says, this Monday February 28-- oh, let me start over. This Monday, February 28, HIV nutrition specialist Richard Elman of the Home Nutritional Services will direct a class on good nutritional habits emphasizing special-- she's got her finger in my ear. Would you just stop that? Emphasizing special dietary needs or people living with HIV and AIDS. This class, which is sponsored by the AIDS Foundation Houston, will be held at the Montrose branch library, 4100 Montrose. For more information, call Bart at 623-6796. Thank you.

POLO And today is--

LATONEA:

[WORDLESS SINGING]

--Elizabeth Taylor's birthday!

GROUP: Yay!

POLO So Jewel celebrates with Lizzie. Liz--

LATONEA:

DIANE Yes?

WILLIAMS:

CREW: Oh, flash, flash, flash.

POLO Oh, I see we have a new name for the gay republicans, the homosexually challenged. Isn't that marvelous?

LATONEA:

DIANE (LAUGHINGLY) Homosexually challenged.

WILLIAMS:

POLO Since I used to be a former republican and will admit that on the radio, I don't find that amusing.

LATONEA:

[LAUGHTER]

DIANE I just want to talk for just-- I want to talk for one second about the cover of this week's *TWT*, which is of course--

WILLIAMS:

POLO Bart Loesser.

LATONEA:

DIANE --which, of course, is a half-naked man with a big old fuzzy beard. When did he get this beard? How long has he

WILLIAMS: had this? He is a gorgeous man.

JIMMY CARPER: What a fine man in our community.

DIANE I totally agree. I think Bart is just a wonderful man. And these pictures in here are gorgeous, and he's got the

WILLIAMS: best things to say. Part of what he has to talk about on the inside is Bart Loesser on HIV and wellness. And he talks about being HIV-positive, for 10 years striving every year to make each one just that much better in many ways.

He's been working for the AIDS Foundation Houston for almost six years, and his goal is to motivate people to get tested for HIV, stay negative if they are, or seek knowledge and assistance if they find they're infected. Testing positive is not a death sentence, to see it as a chance to face important life issues and fight the big killer, which is denial. And he's got some great pictures in here. So pick up a *TWT* and call Bart at the AIDS Foundation Houston.

POLO And you can also call the *After Hours* talk line at 867-9448. That's 867-9448, and it's open 24 hours a day.

LATONEA:

JEWEL GRAY: Just a complaint line if you want, just what's going on in your world.

DIANE Tell us how much you love us. You know that kind of thing.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: TV shows, things you'd like to see.

DIANE Phone numbers, we like that, too. OK. We've got about 1,700 people in here. Anybody have any more information

WILLIAMS: right here? No? OK. We're changing. We're getting you some music happening. No, we're not. We're not getting you any music. You don't want any music. I want to talk for a second to about Scott Pot. Scott is a coordinator for--

He taught me my sign language class.

DIANE Did he?

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: Yes, he did.

DIANE Well, tell us about that.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: I loved that. He was great.

DIANE He has a great big article here in the medical update section of *This Week in Texas*. And it talks about HIV

WILLIAMS: infection in the deaf community. And he talks about the difference in just language barriers.

JEWEL GRAY: And he's way too [INAUDIBLE] in that picture.

DIANE That picture does not do him justice. He's a handsome man.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: And he's adorable.

DIANE And Houston has a huge deaf community. And if you haven't encountered any gay and lesbian deaf people yet,

WILLIAMS: then you haven't been out very long, I would-- I would be guessing here. Also, there's a trivia question. There's trivia in the *TWT*. Trivia is very important. It's important to me.

JEWEL GRAY: What trivia?

DIANE Lots and lots of trivia. According to Katherine V. Forrest, this fiction editor for Naiad Press-- the fiction editor for

WILLIAMS: Naiad Press, this Jan Clausen book is one of the 10 best lesbian novels of all time. In it, a lesbian parent defies the law to keep the child of her dead lover. Name the book. Anybody?

POLO No.

LATONEA:

DIANE No?

WILLIAMS:

POLO I haven't heard much *TWT* upside down yet, hold on.

LATONEA:

[LAUGHS]

DIANE Got it?

WILLIAMS:

POLO No.

LATONEA:

DIANE "Sinking, Stealing" is name of that. So--

WILLIAMS:

JIMMY CARPER: I missed that.

DIANE --trivia questions.

WILLIAMS:

POLO What happened on June 8, 1972?

LATONEA:

DIANE 1972-- I have no idea. June 8, right before pride week, '72. No idea. Something silly probably.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: I'm going change our book upside down.

DIANE [LAUGHS]

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: What? What happened?

DIANE We don't know. Number four--

WILLIAMS:

POLO Camille Mitchell became the first openly lesbian woman to win custody of her children in a disputed divorce

LATONEA: proceeding.

DIANE One more time? Camille Mitchell became the first openly lesbian woman to win custody of her children in a

WILLIAMS: disputed divorce. I got it.

JEWEL GRAY: Cool.

DIANE Cool.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: Echo, echo, echo.

DIANE Echo, echo, echo. I had to-- couldn't hear it very well.

WILLIAMS:

Who we're going to listen to it a few minutes? Eric--

Eric?

- Dating game.

DIANE Are we?

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: We're going to go to BBC in then Eric. And we always want to make sure we let people know Eric's coming up next.

DIANE Well, we love being here for you tonight. And we want you to call in and tell us your thoughts on the show. And

WILLIAMS: that number is, one more time, 8--

POLO 67-9448.

LATONEA:

DIANE --67-- [CHUCKLES]

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: 9448.

JIMMY CARPER: That's right.

DIANE And we're at JAM KPFT. We're right here for you.

WILLIAMS:

POLO Area code 713.

LATONEA:

DIANE I want to thank everybody that came by tonight, every single solitary soul.

WILLIAMS:

JIMMY CARPER: There were many of us.

JEWEL GRAY: And I want you to enumerate each one, please.

DIANE That would be--

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: 1, 2, 3, 4--

DIANE OK. Bonnie--

WILLIAMS:

POLO With the Lesbian Teachers Network.

LATONEA:

DIANE Right.

WILLIAMS:

JIMMY CARPER: And then we had the--

POLO Dane the lady.

LATONEA:

DIANE Dane from the Soiree Aubergine. Then we have the just-- the parents group, which would be Linda and Jim and all

WILLIAMS: their assorted spouses and relatives that were here.

JEWEL GRAY: We had the veterans--

DIANE The veterans group.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: --which was Charles, and Ron, and Patrick.

POLO Then we had the new music, Shattered. Wasn't that the name? Was Shattered-- Shattered Dreams?

LATONEA:

JEWEL GRAY: Shattered Hearts.

DIANE Shattered hearts, yes. That was great. That was great. By the way, good luck on that. Also, Pink. Thanks, pink.

WILLIAMS:

POLO Yeah, and you'll be hearing both Pink and Shattered Hearts on *After Hours* again.

LATONEA:

DIANE Great, great. Who else?

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: Where is your next show? Are you going to do another show?

DIANE Yes, I'm going to do another show eventually.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: But you're not going to be here next month.

DIANE I'm not going to be here next month. I'll probably be here either the third-- instead of the third show--

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: Maybe I'll just do your show.

DIANE Yes.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: We can talk more about this again. I liked it.

DIANE Yes. We'll do double shows. Jewel can do my show on the 20th, and I'll hang out with you on her show on the 26th.

POLO Which is going to be a happening show--

LATONEA:

DIANE So the girls-- that's right. So the girls are going to be doing the second half of the month, seems to be, kind of a second half of the month kind of thing going to the women.

JEWEL GRAY: Actually, in particular, we're going to be giving away loads of stuff, all kinds of stuff. Some of the stuff is-- Polo?

POLO Oh, we've got tons of stuff. You do a question, I mean, I didn't have an answer. That wasn't fair. No, we've got tons of stuff. We've got movie passes. We've got some videos, some CDS that we're just giving away. So what else we got?

JEWEL GRAY: Keyrings. We have some great keyrings.

POLO We got some keyrings, and some calendars, and just all types of good stuff that you just-- you have to just call in and we're going to take your name and number, and just give it to you. That's all that's going to be done. There's also a movie poster that's donated by Whoopi Goldberg. And--

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

DIANE Whoopi, what a babe.

WILLIAMS:

POLO --auctioned off. And all the proceeds are going to benefit the gay lesbian switchboard.

LATONEA:

[CHEERS]

POLO What's the number at the switchboard?

LATONEA:

JEWEL GRAY: 526-32-11.

POLO Now, why can't I remember that number?

LATONEA:

DIANE 529-32-11.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: I can't remark on them. I'm in trouble now. I got called out, so I have to think of another number to call and get my call notes.

DIANE Oh, god.

WILLIAMS:

POLO Do your birthday. No, don't do your birthday because now everybody will be checking your messages.

LATONEA:

JEWEL GRAY: That's right.

DIANE [LAUGHS] We love you, we love you. Thank you for listening.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: That's right.

DIANE Come back and see us again next Saturday night at midnight. We're here every Saturday night at midnight to

WILLIAMS: 3:00 AM, KPFT.

JIMMY CARPER: Actually, midnight 09 because we've got BBC at midnight.

JEWEL GRAY: That's right.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh.

DIANE He sticks his face that close to me, I'm going to kiss him. What can I say?

WILLIAMS:

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, well.

JEWEL GRAY: She's going to be that kind of girl.

POLO Are we off to London?

LATONEA:

JIMMY CARPER: Yes, we are.

POLO Cheorio.

LATONEA:

DIANE I'm going to Detroit. See you all. KPFT 90.1 FM, *After Hours*.

WILLIAMS:

JIMMY CARPER: KPFT Houston.

DIANE Oh, OK, yeah. Want to do another?

WILLIAMS: