

HOST: Well, you've given a sermon. God, Christ would-- just he would die. [CHUCKLES] He would just roll over in his grave if he was there.

HOST: Yes, he would.

HOST: [LAUGHS] He would. And that's the Christ that I know. That's the God that I [INAUDIBLE] that I honor.

HOST: Anybody who doesn't think that church is run-- that our money-making things--

HOST: Have nothing to do but look at Jim and Tammy Faye.

HOST: Yeah. I mean--

HOST: That was one that got exposed. There are others.

HOST: I mean, heck, it's even simpler than that. I grew up Catholic--

HOST: God.

HOST: --which is why I'm freaking out.

HOST: Don't start me on the-- don't start me on the pope.

HOST: I know.

CREW: Oh.

HOST: Yeah.

HOST: Don't start me on the pope.

HOST: And they-- and the church-- let's face it. They passed around the plate after the sermon.

HOST: No contraception because you can't have-- if you have contraception, you don't have good little Catholic's tithing. You don't have them building your churches, so there's no contraception. Oh, yeah.

HOST: Regardless of the fact that millions of people are dying of AIDS because--

HOST: Or starvation.

HOST: Yes, or starvation, worse, yes.

HOST: There's too many people and not enough food.

HOST: That's right.

HOST: Yes.

HOST: And what are they doing? Are they trying to help those people?

HOST: No.

HOST: Yeah, they send ministers down there. They send priests down there who are underpaid, unwelcome, and overworked. There's just-- no one is accomplishing anything except the bank is getting richer.

HOST: You know when the pope made that oh-so touted trip to Cuba?

BOTH: Yes.

HOST: And--

HOST: *60 Minutes* was there.

HOST: --I saw that-- I saw a woman on TV. They asked her how she felt about the pope coming to Cuba. And she said, well, this whole thing about not having contraceptives-- is the pope going to feed our kids?

HOST: No

HOST: [LAUGHING] No.

HOST: See, I think religion is right at the point. I think we're going to see some religious wars. We're going to see crusades. What do you bet? Maybe not in our lifetime. Within a couple of lifetimes, there's going to be a boiling point where everything just explodes. We're going to come to a place where those who do not want this and do not want to live by these people's idea of their god-- I don't care if they live like that. But they want to make other people live like that. It's going to come to a place where people are going to be literally at war.

HOST: And they always said that the Roman civilization fell. I don't think it ever did. I think Rome has always gone in and taken over whatever religion was biggest and made it their own and then built this little power base around it, and they've done the same thing with Catholicism.

HOST: It turned into the priests.

HOST: Yeah.

HOST: It turned into priests.

HOST: Yeah. It's like, oh, yeah, yeah. OK, we'll buy that. And then--

HOST: Did the-- the church of-- the Catholic Church has more money than any other entity on the planet and probably more than millions of other entities on the planet.

HOST: They're probably.

HOST: They have billions and billions of dollars. Why are there people that they have-- that they baptize starving if they are sitting on billions and billions of dollars, if their walls are covered in gold?

CREW: Uh-oh, here it comes.

HOST: Christ would just have a fit.

HOST: Are we getting bad phone calls?

HOST: No, no, not yet.

HOST: Chris?

HOST: Not yet. I had to jump in on this because you have to think of it. The Catholic Church is the only religion that is its own country.

HOST: It sure is.

HOST: OK.

HOST: And it's got its own national--

HOST: With no borders.

HOST: --bank.

HOST: Well, that's--

CREW: The Vatican--

HOST: --not quite true.

CREW: --is its own--

HOST: Well, no, I mean the head--

HOST: There is Israel.

HOST: There is Branson, Missouri.

[LAUGHTER]

HOST: No, I know what you mean.

HOST: Yeah, but [INAUDIBLE] own sovereign state.

HOST: Yes.

HOST: It's recognized by the United Nations. It has a seat there called the Holy See.

HOST: [SNICKERS]

HOST: See, not seed.

HOST: But it's a whole other thing.

HOST: Yeah, it is.

HOST: Yeah, that's a whole 'nother Donahue episode on that.

HOST: Woo!

HOST: And you tell me that I believe that those guys don't get no pumping. You've got to be kidding.

[LAUGHTER]

HOST: Whatever guy they like, yeah.

HOST: They must be doing each other.

HOST: [INAUDIBLE] when you talk about the money that the Catholic Church brings in every time when they pass the plate in church there, the main one, the one that everyone contributes the big bucks to--

HOST: Yeah.

HOST: The operating-- yeah.

HOST: --that just covers the expenses of the church. On that rare occasion-- and I'm a former altar server, so I know the back stories in that. I'm the altar server who wasn't touched.

HOST: Give us the-- ooh, give us the dough.

HOST: I know, I-- so--

HOST: Everyone else but you.

HOST: --so ashamed. Yeah.

[CHUCKLING]

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

[LAUGHTER]

HOST: Father Mikey, if you're out there, hi.

[LAUGHTER]

HOST: So you were an ugly kid, huh?

CREW: Oh! Oh!

[LAUGHTER]

ALL: Ooh.

HOST: Oh, my goodness. Anyway, as you were saying, Chris.

HOST: They knew he'd tell.

HOST: This coming from the person who was there when Jesus was crucified.

HOST: Hey, I'm a recovering Catholic, too. I can say that. But when they-- whenever they decide, hey, we're going to collect money for a good cause--

HOST: Yeah, missionary--

HOST: --it's always--

HOST: --building fund or something.

HOST: --missionary. There's nothing missionary in the Catholic Church except the position.

HOST: They go in and take over.

[LAUGHTER]

CREW: Ooh.

HOST: They go and build a church. They own the place.

HOST: That's true.

HOST: But that is the second collection that comes through, and it's always the smaller one they get after everyone's had their wine and cookie. It's when they pass around the plate for that part.

HOST: Refreshments will be served.

HOST: [CHUCKLES] Oh, my goodness.

HOST: And usually, many people have already left. [LAUGHS] I mean, that's how their money is on that. They don't collect for the poor, except on a rare occasion, and when they do--

HOST: That's because the pope won't give them any money. He's sitting on that billions and billions. Why don't they put that billions and billions to work in their kingdom?

HOST: Every year, there is a special collection just to send to the Vatican.

HOST: Can you imagine--

HOST: They ask--

HOST: They want more--

HOST: This is the money we send--

HOST: --money from us.

HOST: --specifically for that.

HOST: If the North American Catholics--

HOST: And you know--

HOST: --cut off the funds going to Italy--

HOST: That's right.

HOST: --you would see an American pope so quick.

HOST: Invade.

[CHUCKLING]

HOST: They'd be invading.

HOST: So quickly.

HOST: Their little white shoes and their little white outfits.

[LAUGHTER]

HOST: That Pope Harrold.

[LAUGHTER]

Hi, I'm Pope Billy Bob.

CREW: Oh, [? please no ?]. Oh, man, you--

HOST: Oh, OK, I think we ought--

HOST: It is taking shots.

HOST: --to wind up this. [LAUGHS]

HOST: Taking shots.

HOST: I think we need to wind this up. Yes, indeedy.

HOST: But I'd like to say we're not really knocking the spirituality. We're mocking the administration of these churches.

HOST: No, absolutely not, because spirituality is very important to queers.

HOST: Right.

HOST: We've grown up in some church, and we find as adults that we miss that. And some of us-- you look into any gay guide, especially in Houston, there are more listings for religious organizations--

HOST: That's right.

HOST: --than there are bars.

HOST: And the meetings they have every night are at these religious institutions, are supported by these religious-- they're very, very involved.

HOST: Yeah, and you name the religion, and there's a gay group, queer group for it.

HOST: Yep. Even the recovering Catholics.

HOST: Yeah, and then there's MCCR.

HOST: Yep.

HOST: So we understand that spirituality is very, very important.

HOST: That's something.

HOST: And we're not knocking that at all. We're just knocking--

HOST: The things they've done.

HOST: --the horrors that organized religion has done to us.

HOST: And that's where we need to make the distinction is that, between religion and spirituality.

HOST: Yes.

HOST: Religion is the dogma. It's the system. It's by which you do things. Spirituality is, how does it make you feel inside?

HOST: Well, that's true, but you say--

HOST: And how does that make you relate to other people?

HOST: A lot of people-- [SIGHS] it's not only the spirituality that they need, but it is that dogma. It's that going to mass. It's that--

HOST: The ritualism.

HOST: --that structured--

HOST: The ritualism, yeah.

HOST: Ritualism, yeah--

HOST: Traditional rituals.

HOST: --that's very important, yeah, whatever it may be, when you're bowing to a wall--

HOST: And I'm cool with that.

HOST: --somewhere or whatever.

HOST: That's how they remind you--

HOST: Doing your mea culpas.

HOST: Or the Muslims making their journey to Mecca every year, their religious trips.

HOST: You bet.

HOST: Yeah, well, I want to make sure--

HOST: Pilgrimage.

HOST: Yeah, pilgrimage. I want to make everybody sure that I was not in any way impugning God or Jesus. I have a lot of respect for the ideas and the ideals behind that, and-- go ahead, take it. But tick tock, tick tock. [INAUDIBLE].

HOST: Yeah, I know the clock on the wall.

HOST: I want to also add one more thing.

HOST: Yes.

HOST: Before seaming in a third weekend in the next month, which is going to be our show before Christmas--

HOST: Yes.

HOST: And we're going to play a lot of those quirky Christmas carols.

HOST: Yes, we are.

HOST: You know I love that show.

HOST: Yes, we're starting in December.

HOST: I'll wait on you for that show.

HOST: It's all Christmas carols.

HOST: Do we get to hear *The Heart of--*

HOST: Queer Christmas songs in--

HOST: Do we get to hear *Hark! The Herald Fairy Shout?*

HOST: Yes, you will.

HOST: Oh, those are ones I want to hear.

HOST: Yes, I have that. I have that.

HOST: Yay!

HOST: *Dyke The Halls.*

HOST: *Dyke The Halls.*

HOST: *Dyke the Halls, yeah.*

HOST: That's right, yes.

HOST: *Walking 'Round in Women's Underwear.*

HOST: Oh, yeah.

HOST: *I'll Be a Homo For Christmas.*

HOST: *I'll Be a Homo For Christmas*, my all-time favorite.

HOST: Yes.

HOST: Because I'm looking forward to it. But one other thing is in about an hour, get outside, check out that meteor shower. It's going to be something. Here's a chance if you missed Halley's Comet.

HOST: Yeah.

HOST: I didn't.

HOST: A comet.

HOST: I got out and took pictures.

HOST: Halley's Comet.

HOST: Hey, I got great picture. It's so cool.

HOST: Really, you actually saw it?

HOST: Oh, yes. Great pictures from my new camera.

HOST: Now, Hale-Bopp--

HOST: Yeah, [INAUDIBLE].

HOST: --well, that was impressive.

HOST: But get out there tonight. Check those meteors out. It won't be like this again for a hundred years. And we'll all be gone. Well, I don't know. They get ready to clone something in England.

HOST: You never know.

HOST: They're making emergency meetings over there to stop that cloning going on over there. So we don't know. We might be around another year.

HOST: Yeah, but it won't be us. It'll be just another-- [LAUGHS]

HOST: Another version [INAUDIBLE]

HOST: [INAUDIBLE] a Xerox.

HOST: Xerox.

HOST: Well, OK.

[LAUGHTER]

HOST: As we go. Jewel, do you remember a person by the name of Tranae Chardon.

HOST: Oh, yeah.

HOST: Yeah.

HOST: Yeah.

HOST: Trenay used to come on the show at least once a year and give the "I have a dream" talk because Trenay lived his dream. He wanted to be an entertainer. And he went out, and he did it.

HOST: He was entertaining.

HOST: Yes.

HOST: There's no question.

HOST: The last time he was on the show was the night that Annise Parker was elected for her first term.

HOST: Oh, it went well.

HOST: Yeah, it was a runoff, and it was on a Saturday. And he was on when she arrived at the station. He was giving that talk. He's gone now. He died a couple of years ago from the Great Plague. But we have something on tape here that he did for us a very, very long time ago that the words are as good now as they ever were. So I want to play that as the outgoing for you. And we'll see you next month.

HOST: Vote, vote, vote.

HOST: Yes.

[APPLAUSE]

HOST: Oh, yeah, that was Suede. And if you were lucky enough to go to the Pride Festival this past June, you got to see her live doing a bunch of good stuff. We'll have more of that. And before that was Tranae Chardon. Let's see, we've got-- who have we got here? We've got Ryan and Bobby.

RYAN: Hello.

HOST: We've got Big Roy and Chris.

CHRIS: Hello.

HOST: Jackie and JJ just walked in.

JJ: Hey, Hey.

JIMMY: Hey, Jackie, Hey, JJ.

HOST: I want to get JJ on a mic, which means that you need to go in the other room, honey.

JIMMY: Hopalong, Cassidy.

HOST: Because I was talking about the court and the stuff going on in the court here lately, and all of the people who are running, and some of the shows that are going to be going on. I've got a partial listing here of shows happening. And it's-- first of all, it says Saturday, November the 18th, which is-- it's either Saturday, November the 17th, or it's Sunday, November the 18th. So which-- there's a show at Chances. So I imagine that was tonight at 9:00.

JJ: Yeah, Saturday is the 17th.

HOST: Yeah, OK. OK.

JIMMY: It sounds like the same person who writes the stuff at the BRB there, for whenever Sean's doing a show, wrote that up for you.

HOST: Yeah, I remember that.

JJ: Whatever. I've picked on him a couple of times for having conflicting stories.

HOST: JJ Fulton has not been on this show in a very long time. And now I'm glad to have him, because he is one of the people running for Emperor the 18th. Hello?

JJ: Hello.

JIMMY: Hey, JJ.

HOST: I think you're going to share a mic with Chris.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

JJ: Is mic number one not working? Hello.

HOST: No. OK, there you go.

JJ: Oh. OK. All right, OK, going.

HOST: Yeah, so you're running.

JJ: Yeah, basically there are--

HOST: Is there anything more to it?

JJ: Yeah, there are three candidates for Emperor and there are two candidates for Empress.

HOST: Right.

JJ: And in January there will be an absentee voting a week ahead of time. And I want to say that's on the 5th.

HOST: OK.

JJ: And then the regular voting will be on the 12th.

HOST: Oh, OK.

JJ: And those will-- they will both be at the Houston Voice-- well, in the building where the Houston Voice is at 500 Lovett at the corner of Lovett and Whitney, which is a block-- well, half a block from here.

JIMMY: Yeah.

HOST: Wait a minute now, voting is on the 12th?

JJ: Yeah, the regular voting is on the 12th because the coronation itself is on the 19th.

HOST: Oh, OK.

JJ: And the absentee voting, if people are going to be out of town on the 12th, they can vote early on the 5th.

HOST: OK, and that is like right across-- catty-corner here, right?

JJ: Yeah, catty-cornered here.

HOST: Right on Lovett.

JJ: I'm not sure of the times. I know on the 12th, it's like from 10:00 till 6:00.

HOST: Yeah.

JJ: But it's a shorter period of time on the 5th. I'm not sure when that is. I'll find out and get it to you.

HOST: OK. JJ, you do you have any shows planned?

JJ: Right now we have-- the board of directors has scheduled a show for the first weekend of December. It will-- hello?

HOST: Yes.

JJ: OK. It just sounded like I died there.

HOST: Yeah, a little bit.

JJ: The first weekend of December we will be at EJ's on Friday night for a show there, starting at 8:00. And I believe that at this time that is benefiting Coronation 18, which is--

HOST: Yeah.

HOST: There you go, back it off a little bit.

HOST: Yeah. You can't get too close to these mics.

HOST: You can also swallow on here.

JJ: Yeah.

HOST: Oh, no, not that.

HOST: Well, you know-- well you know, JJ. It was long. It was cylindrical. [INAUDIBLE]

HOST: JJ.

JJ: They know me too well around here.

HOST: He's trying to tell me when his shows are.

JJ: Yeah. Like I said, the board of directors-- we had one show tonight, one show last weekend. We do have a show the first weekend in December, on Friday night, at EJ's. We will also--

HOST: Is that to benefit the PWA Holiday Charities?

JJ: That is.

HOST: OK.

JJ: That is benefiting PWA holiday.

HOST: Yeah, yeah.

JJ: And then the show on December the 23rd, which is a Saturday-- or Sunday night, and that will be at the Briar Patch.

HOST: Right. And that's to benefit Coronation.

JJ: Yeah, right.

HOST: OK. And I'm also showing shows November the 25th at the Briar Patch for Sean.

HOST: Sean has that one. The thing is the board of directors has set up like four or five shows. And then each one of the candidates is entitled to set up one show of their own.

HOST: Oh, OK. OK. Because I see also-- well, I won't talk about December shows, that's too far off. So, oh, god, this is an exciting time for the court.

JJ: Yeah. Now tomorrow night, it is not a court show, but it's my understanding that tomorrow night at the BRB is the Fall Harvest for the Colt 45.

HOST: Actually, if I can jump in there.

HOST: Yeah, please do.

HOST: As a officer the Colt 45s, I ask everybody that's listening tonight to be at the BRB tomorrow night. Fall Harvest is a show that the Colts do every year. We receive a lot of our funding from other organizations. 99% of our funding does come from other organizations in order for us to run the ATF Fund, which is Aids Trouble Fund, which helps pay for rent, lights, gas, other medical needs, or needs that may come up for the clients.

We also are responsible for doing fresh meat and produce at Stone Soup Food Pantry via the Stone Soup Fund. And we also have [INAUDIBLE] where we make charity donations to other organizations. We also have a burial fund through there for people that have no other means to be buried.

We spend lots and lots of your dollar every year to help the clients. And Fall Harvest is our chance to show that we can do a show and raise some money on our own.

JJ: Yeah, incidentally, the Colts have over 100 clients in their client list.

HOST: Wow.

JJ: And-- yeah-- this is one of the things-- the PWA Holiday Charities also-- in July and at Christmas time, provides a check to each one of the Colt 45 clients, which is money that they do not have to account for. They can do whatever the heck they want to with it. If they want to buy Christmas cards and send them out to their friends, they can do that. If they want to go to the bar and get shitfaced, they can do that also. But this is money-- sorry, about that. Well, that's not a bad word anymore. Yeah, that's not one of the seven words that George Carlin said you can't say on radio.

HOST: Yes, it is.

JJ: Oh, is it? I'm sorry. OK--

HOST: Well, you [INAUDIBLE]

JJ: Bleep-- bleep that out for me. But anyhow, if they want to go-- if they want to go to the bars and get totally blotto, they can do that with that money. They can do whatever they want to with that money.

HOST: They can go to [INAUDIBLE].

JJ: They do not have-- they do not have to account for it. And this-- we have gotten at PWA-- I'm the treasurer of the PWA Holiday Charities this year, and we have gotten numerous thank you notes from people who are clients of the Colt 45's, thanking us for giving them this money. Because in some cases, they-- in some cases, they have used it-- like for instance, in July, we had two or three people that had to use the money to pay their electric bill.

HOST: Mm-hmm. Oh, that was it?

JJ: Yeah, I'm done.

HOST: Everybody should [INAUDIBLE]

HOST: Surprise, surprise.

HOST: So what brings you to-- marching into "After Hours" tonight?

JJ: Oh, we've been all over the city tonight.

HOST: Yeah, we've been out-- we've been out bar hopping. And letting people know that the court is there and that the elections are upcoming. And we encourage everybody to get out. Because the court is one of the few organizations in the Houston area that the community elects our leaders.

And the Emperor and Empress, who are the monarchs, are basically co-presidents of the court. And we feel that the community should elect who they feel are the best qualified to represent the community and move the court forward in their efforts to raise funds for the community.

HOST: Yeah, OK. Let's take a break, get to some music. And we'll be back, talking about other things. You're listening to "After Hours," queer radio with attitude on KPFT Houston and KEOS College Station. And now a little something from someone who's not with us anymore. And I won't have to tell you the name.

JIMMY: Yeah, so that is Texas's own Christy Claxton. Oh, she is-- yeah, she is fabulous. She is fabulous. That's from her CD *Out of Nowhere*. It's called "Funky Little House." I like that one. She played every Monday night in September and October at-- god-- the Outpost, Michael Outpost-- yes, the Outpost.

HOST: Oh.

JIMMY: And she lives-- what's halfway between here and Austin?

HOST: San Antonio.

HOST: Nothing.

HOST: Between here in Austin? Brenham?

JIMMY: No, there's a city.

HOST: Brenham?

HOST: BFE.

JIMMY: Not Brenham-- Not Brenham.

HOST: Figure out the letters for yourself.

JIMMY: That's where she lives, halfway between here and Austin.

HOST: Way out there somewhere in the boonies.

JIMMY: Yes, yes, yes, yes. So--

HOST: Kind of like me, East San Antonio.

JIMMY: There you go. And before that we had, of course, Dusty Springfield, with "A Love Like Yours."

HOST: We got a lap dancer over here.

HOST: Ooh.

HOST: Thanks. Really appreciate it.

HOST: Yeah, well--

JIMMY: Yeah, it may be a lap, but it ain't no dancing.

HOST: Oh.

HOST: Oh, I don't know.

HOST: It depends on what you call dancing.

JIMMY: Yeah, I guess-- well, boy, that's not any kind of dancing I know.

HOST: It's like LEGOs. Something snapping into a hole.

HOST: Whoa! I'm sorry.

HOST: Oh, my goodness.

HOST: Don't go there.

HOST: Wow.

HOST: I can go there just as well as anybody.

HOST: Wow.

HOST: Well, if you're going to go there, show it on air here, hon.

JIMMY: We've got 52 minutes of this. OK.

HOST: [INAUDIBLE]

HOST: Moving on.

JIMMY: Please. Please.

HOST: OK.

JIMMY: Yeah?

HOST: What are we going to do now?

HOST: Gee, this reminds me of back when I was working with Jason.

HOST: Yeah.

HOST: Now what the hell are we going to do?

JIMMY: Exactly. I want to remind people that-- oh, well-- that from Jack Walensky, who was the volunteer executive director for the Pride Committee of Houston, that the next Pride Parade is June 29th, 2002. And the meetings for the Pride Committee are the first Tuesday, the board meeting. And the third Tuesday is the general meetings. And they're all open to the public at 7:00 at the Metropolitan Mutli Service Center, 1475 West Gray. And if you're looking to do some volunteer work, the Pride Committee is a great place to start.

HOST: Do they have a phone number they can be reached at?

JIMMY: Yes, they do, at 713-529-6979.

HOST: 6979?

JIMMY: That's it. Or www.pridehouston.org.

HOST: There's somebody roaming the streets out there in a car, who apparently can't figure out where they're going because I've seen the same car go up and down the street five times now.

HOST: Apparently, they haven't figured out the chicken coop is closed.

JIMMY: They're looking for-- they're looking for the girls over on Whitney.

HOST: That's Mother's.

JIMMY: Looking for the girls over on Whitney, yes, indeed.

HOST: There's a rather large complex across the street now where Mother's used to be.

JIMMY: Yeah, boy is there ever.

HOST: OK--

JIMMY: Go ahead.

HOST: Chris gave me this. The Sound Waves here in the Montrose is doing its second annual food drive on Saturday, December 1st, from 9:00 to 5:00. And it benefits the Stone Soup Pantry, which is a project of the AIDS Foundation Houston.

HOST: And there's a good reason for it being on that day. That happens to be World AIDS Day. December 1st of every year is the one day that's set aside internationally to recognize the scourge of this was here.

HOST: Yeah, the people who have passed away also.

HOST: Yeah, October was AIDS Awareness Month, but more attention is brought onto World AIDS Day on September-- I'm sorry, on December 1st, on Saturday. And they're having a food drive there from 9:00 to 5:00 at Sound Waves at 3509 Montrose. And they also could use-- so you can bring in food, nonperishable foods, but they're also looking for special needs, like diapers, toilet paper, baby formula.

HOST: Yeah. A lot of people donate money. So that's what the money is used for.

HOST: The thing that a lot of people don't realize is, is that there are an awful lot of children who are born with AIDS. And I know Casa de Esperanza is one of the hospices that takes in children who have AIDS. And there is a crying need for disposable diapers and so forth like that. GCTC-- the Casa has been basically our charity each Christmas. And one of the things we do in conjunction with our Christmas party, which is going to be held on December 1st as well, is to ask our members to bring something in the way of toys, or disposable diapers, or whatever for Casa, to help them.

JIMMY: And let's not forget the National Leather Association-- NLA's Toy Drive that--

HOST: Exactly.

JIMMY: --has been very successful. Year, after year, after year has grown. And a lot of people donate money there too. And they use it to buy disposable diapers.

HOST: And also, if you want to donate a toy for the NLA Toy Drive, they've got the receptacle boxes at many of the different clubs, including Mary's.

JIMMY: Yeah.

HOST: And folks, you can go to the Dollar Store and pick up a little toy, a book, a set of crayons, educational material--

HOST: Write a check.

HOST: Yeah. There's a thrift store up on the 900 block of Durham, southbound, in the Merchant Park area, called Family Thrift. And they have bags of toys there for \$1 that has about a dozen toys in it. And you go in there and spend \$5 and put those bags of toys in the buckets.

HOST: I know we all have lean times financially, but we can spare \$1.

JIMMY: Yes, we can. Yes, we can.

HOST: One cocktail. One cocktail.

HOST: It's actually less than a cocktail.

HOST: Yeah, well, \$3 for a cocktail and a \$ for the bartender.

JIMMY: Yeah, see. We don't do the "After Hours News and Views" anymore. We've kind of changed that. And the segment hasn't-- that's replacing it really hasn't formed quite yet. But I don't want to miss a Saturday without saying hello to folks.

HOST: Oh, OK. Well, then we'll give our shout out to--

JIMMY: Please do.

HOST: To Randy down there in Rose Sharon.

JIMMY: Hey, hey.

HOST: And to Tony up there in Midway. And to Gary, here in the Montrose. And to-- who else-- who else do I write to? There's a whole bunch of people here in the Montrose and all across the far flung Lone Star state of Texas.

JIMMY: Yep.

HOST: That do listen into us. And Jimmy, would you believe we even have a guy-- it's a Vietnamese name-- Nguyn-- I guess that's how you say his name, N-G-U-Y-N or something like that.

JIMMY: OK.

HOST: Nguyn.

HOST: Anyways, he's up in New York City. And he listens to us. He listens to us over his computer, over the web. He used to live here in Houston. And he's been listening to "After Hours" since Buddy Johnston.

JIMMY: Wow. Not too many people can say that.

HOST: And he still listens in.

JIMMY: Great.

HOST: So way up there in the Big Apple, howdy, Nguyn.

JIMMY: You bet. And howdy to Johnny Necessary.

HOST: Now, was that necessary?

JIMMY: Yes, it was. He sent me some fabulous artwork. And all our brothers and sisters-- but brothers who are listening, who are behind bars. None of our sisters can hear us. But let's talk about some things that are happening on Sunday-- Sunday, Sunday. Oh, yes, what, who?

HOST: Before you get--

JIMMY: Yes?

HOST: --into that. This is unusual for me, but there are a couple of people I'd like to say hi to, just on the off chance they might be listening at this hour.

JIMMY: OK.

HOST: One of them is my buddy at the Renaissance Festival, who I love dearly. He's a good friend of mine nowadays, one of my pagan friends. And Matt and crew, if you happen to be listening and wandering around the neighborhood, and trying to find this building--

JIMMY: Maybe they're the ones that are driving around in circles.

HOST: Yeah, they could be the ones.

HOST: They want to go do the whole Leonid meteor shower thingy tonight.

HOST: Oh.

HOST: Is that tonight or tomorrow morning?

HOST: Tonight. Right now.

HOST: Right now, but I thought it was-- I thought it was right before dawn.

JIMMY: Well, tonight is tomorrow morning, so--

HOST: The next few Hours. I mean this is going to be going on for several hours.

JIMMY: So if you want to see hot rocks streaking.

HOST: How long did-- how long did it take you to think that one up?

HOST: Oh, about 10 seconds I'm betting.

HOST: You been hanging around Puddles too much.

HOST: And Jimmy, while we're doing PSAs, can I run one through?

JIMMY: I wish you would.

HOST: OK, November the 28th-- I'm not sure of all the details yet, but that is the Remembering our Dead--

JIMMY: Oh, yes.

HOST: For the transgender community.

JIMMY: There was an incredible article about that in this month's *Out Smart*, about last year's.

HOST: Yeah, well, last year we had probably 20-25 people that gathered on the steps of city hall. I don't know whether that's the location that's going to be again this year or not. But on the 28th of November, which is the chosen date, chosen by Glen Smith, who started this thing. Basically, it's a remembrance of the transgender people who have been killed--

JIMMY: Killed.

HOST: Because of the fact that they are transgendered.

JIMMY: And many of them have not just been killed, but they have--

HOST: Beaten.

JIMMY: --been tortured.

HOST: Beaten, mutilated, tortured. It's incredible.

JIMMY: It is incredible. It was a very moving experience last year. I went to that. And there wasn't a dry eye in the house. I'm telling you, when-- the ceremony consisted of naming the names and telling how they died. And when you hear it all at one time, when you hear 25 different people who have died and the way they have died, it really brings it all home that--

HOST: Especially some of the violence that was in there. I found the article here in the *Out Smart*.

HOST: Well, we think that the gay bashing and so forth like that is restricted to the gay and lesbian community. But it is not.

JIMMY: No.

HOST: Because basically, any of us who are transgendered, the non-transgender community automatically assumes that we're gay or lesbian. And therefore, we're subject to the same prejudices and bashing that occurs within the entire GLBT community.

JIMMY: OK, that is going to be at the city hall, 7:00 PM, on November 28th. And when you talk about some of the viciousness, I'm just going to pull this out. Because some people may not go to that. Here's a case and point of it. This is part of the *Out Smart* article. James Jerome Mac of Buffalo, New York was beaten with beer bottles, sexually assaulted with a broom handle, strangled with an electrical cord, and then drowned in a bathtub. His body was later set on fire in a trash can behind a church. Although Mac was not transgendered, he was in a relationship with a transgendered woman. So basically, he was-- all this was done to him--