

CLARE --happy testimonials. They write these love letters almost like, oh, I'm so glad you're there. I feel so much better
RAMPLING: about my orientation now. And it warms my heart. It's so wonderful--

GUEST: Good.

CLARE --to think I'm just doing this little thing to make myself feel better to connect with some people so I don't feel so
RAMPLING: alone. And here's this wonderful-- just huge numbers of people have been saying, yes, this means something to me too.

GIGI: Uh-huh.

CLARE And so that's exciting. Also the word I mentioned dykes, that's for men who identify with and really like lesbian
RAMPLING: women, not your average guy who likes girl-on-girl action.

JIMMY: No, no, no.

CLARE These are men who really like lesbian women and really identify with lesbian women.
RAMPLING:

JIMMY: That'd be like Jim Vaughn.

GIGI: Yes.

JACKIE: Yes.

GIGI: Just so you know, Jim Vaughn is Jimmy's partner.

CLARE Oh, OK.
RAMPLING:

GIGI: I have to tell a little story on Jim Vaughn now.

CLARE OK.
RAMPLING:

GIGI: Jim Vaughn thought he was gay-- and Jimmy brought him kicking and screaming to Houston. He was there like two minutes and said, oh, I found home. I'm bisexual.

JIMMY: Yeah, he forgot I was there. And he wouldn't go into the door unless I was there with him. It was wonderful to watch someone find their family.

CLARE No, that's a great sight.
RAMPLING:

JIMMY: Yeah, yeah.

GIGI: And it sounds like that's what's happening with you and this website.

CLARE Yeah, that's what's been happening with me because kind of reading the Nancy Friday Book, "Men in Love"
RAMPLING: where she said, this is just not a fantasy women have of watching two men together. It kind of really pissed me off enough that I've paid attention to it over the years. And when I was in big groups in little chat groups, I'd ask other women, hey, how about you, do you ever have this fantasy? And realized there were enough women out there-- and then when I read "Homosexuals," and Carol Queen was really writing about this stuff and Jill Nagle--

JIMMY: Great book.

CLARE --stroking my inner fag. I'm like, oh, yeah, this is good stuff. And so, I really realized that there were really more
RAMPLING: of us out there. And then finally a little light went off in my head, hey, use the internet. And so we found each other, and it's growing. It keeps growing. It's just--

JIMMY: That's wonderful.

CLARE --wonderful.
RAMPLING:

JIMMY: So how can people find you?

CLARE OK, well, probably just the simplest ways is to go to my website. I bought www.girlfags.com. And if you go there,
RAMPLING: there's buttons that you can click on that will let you subscribe to the Yahoo email list.

JIMMY: OK.

CLARE And you can actually set it up so that it emails you with all the information, or you can set it up so that you can
RAMPLING: just check a website.

JIMMY: OK.

CLARE So depending on whether you want lots of emails because you're really into it or you just think, oh, I get too
RAMPLING: much email. I'll check it out whenever I find convenience. Both work.

JIMMY: So it's w cubed dot girl fags dot com.

CLARE Right, exactly. Girls fags, plural, dot com.
RAMPLING:

JIMMY: OK. Good.

JACKIE: Just out of curiosity in the context of the gay males and the bisexual male attraction, what is the feelings as far as the interaction between transgendered individuals?

CLARE Well, I've gotten a lot of interest from transgendered people about my list, just about every flavor of transsexual.
RAMPLING: Cross-dressers are interested in my list because they realized that some of these issues are also their issues.

GIGI: Yeah.

CLARE And women who can be interested in bi men might also be interested in people whose gender doesn't fit the
RAMPLING: classic macho, male stereotype or the classic femme female for the men who might be interested in lesbians.

GIGI: Yeah.

**CLARE
RAMPLING:** And so I've got a lot of interest and a lot of support. I did a little poll on my group. One of the questions I asked is, how many of the people who participated in the poll were potentially interested in having relationships with trans people? And over 75% said yes.

JIMMY: Wow.

GUEST: Whoa.

JIMMY: That's good.

**CLARE
RAMPLING:** And I thought that was pretty cool because I had a feeling that it was a very supportive group. And the truth is, yes, it is.

JACKIE: Yeah, that's very interesting too because one of the complaints that you hear in the gender support groups is where can I go to meet a woman who will accept me?

GIGI: Uh-huh.

**CLARE
RAMPLING:** Right, exactly bi men have that. Trans people of all stripes have that.

JIMMY: Sure.

**CLARE
RAMPLING:** And, yeah, this is a place.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

JIMMY: Just listening to you talk about just the last 10 minutes that you've been talking, the person that came to mind immediately was Pat Califia who which now Patrick Califia and watching his career over the years from being the female advice column for guys who wrote to the advocate to writing all the S&M books and just watching him bloom over the years and especially with he and his lover the same thing. So they would be perfect.

**CLARE
RAMPLING:** One of the cool things too about girl fags. Like I said it's an orientation flavor. Since it's a flavor, that doesn't mean people are necessarily committed to that as the only flavor they like.

JIMMY: Right.

**CLARE
RAMPLING:** And so this is not an orientation flavor that excludes. It's not are you or are you not a girl fag. It's very much a positive statement of I like this. Sometimes I like other stuff, but I definitely like this. So it's a very open. My list explicitly says on the website, the list is open to Girl Fags Guide because people want to find either one. And anyone else who wants to talk about it. I still get people writing to me, do I belong here? Is it OK? Absolutely, it's OK.

GIGI: Oh, cool.

**CLARE
RAMPLING:** Everybody's welcome.

GIGI: We need a home for everybody.

CLARE
RAMPLING: Definitely.

GIGI: I thought I had had my eyes open to all kinds of things. And I have but they're getting open even wider.

JIMMY: Good.

GIGI: --to diversity. This conference has given me a new meaning to diversity.

CLARE
RAMPLING: There's a lot of interesting differences here. It's so fun.

GIGI: Oh, it is. It's just incredible, all this stuff going on here this weekend in Vancouver. Well, thanks for joining us.

CLARE
RAMPLING: You're welcome.

JIMMY: Yes, thank very much for being on *After Hours*.

GIGI: Yes.

CLARE
RAMPLING: Well, thanks for having me here.

GIGI: And I tell you, I think we're getting enough material for the next three years of--

JIMMY: No.

GIGI: --*After Hours*.

JIMMY: No.

GIGI: I'm going to have to get contact information here from every guest.

JIMMY: We're going to have to try to squeeze in more than once a month here for the BiNet group.

GIGI: Oh, I know.

CLARE
RAMPLING: Oh, cool.

GIGI: Well, thanks again.

JACKIE: Gigi.

JIMMY: Thank you, Clare.

JACKIE: Gigi, when you get--

CLARE You're welcome.

RAMPLING:

JACKIE: --back you're going to have to make contact with *The Chronicle* because they haven't got anything on this in *The Chronicle*.

GIGI: Oh, OK. Yeah, we'll definitely have--

GUEST: Yes.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

JACKIE: Why not?

GIGI: Conservative Chronicle newspaper, and I did learn some new techniques in S&M. Maybe that will come in handy there.

JIMMY: I'm sure it couldn't hurt.

GUEST: I have a feeling that the only Chronicle all of this would end up is the one that's in that new science fiction show that's on, with the luck we have with mainstream newspapers.

JIMMY: OK, Gigi, how many folks do we have left?

GIGI: We've got two more.

JIMMY: OK, let's get them out.

GIGI: Why don't we go to music, and we'll bring them in and then when we come back, we'll have two more guests.

JIMMY: OK.

GIGI: I miss having sushi.

JIMMY: Gigi.

GIGI: Yes.

JIMMY: Are we ready?

GIGI: We're here. We lost our music cue. We're just hearing dead space on this end when you go to music.

JIMMY: I'm sorry. Does that help?

(SINGING) Living life is funny.

GIGI: Oh, there it is.

JIMMY: Sorry.

GIGI: OK, we're back to music again. OK, I hear it in the background.

JIMMY: Yes.

GIGI: We have two more guests with us tonight.

JIMMY: Good.

GIGI: And we've got two subjects. So I want to introduce both of them and ask the question I've been asking everybody as they come in, their highlight of the conference so far. So why don't we start-- What's your name?

PATRICK: Hi, I'm Patrick. And the highlight of the conference has actually been a rediscovering of my own identity, and I've always identified as a lesbian woman. But I realized through many of the workshops, not just one in particular, that I am actually an intersexual.

GIGI: Oh, wow.

PATRICK: I am intersex and--

GIGI: Welcome to the club.

PATRICK: And I was actually able to look at myself for the first time in the mirror and smile and be happy with what I saw because I now know who I am as a person. So it was very-- I think that to me is the highlight, the personal growth that I was able to get from today.

GIGI: Wow.

JIMMY: Wow.

GIGI: That's incredible.

JIMMY: Well, Patrick, welcome to *After Hours*.

PATRICK: Yay.

GIGI: Yes.

GABRIELLE: Hello, my name's Gabrielle. I'm from right here in BC. I am a transsexual woman, and for me, the highlight of the conference was the first day listening to Kate Bornstein, describe us all as outlaws, and I never really thought of it that way. And I even tried to tie into the stereotypes and the labels. And to heck with it. I don't need to do that anymore. And that means a lot to me.

GIGI: Kate gave this incredible keynote speech.

JIMMY: I'll bet she did.

GIGI: I mean, it just set the tone of the conference, and we've been going flying high since.

GABRIELLE: You bet.

JIMMY: Good, good.

PATRICK: I think her speech is something that I'd love to have the transcript of just so I can put it up on the wall in my room and every morning wake up and say, I'm not a label. I am not this. I am not that. You can use 1,000 labels to describe me, and you don't know who I am.

GIGI: Uh-uh.

GABRIELLE: Well, we actually had an event in Victoria pride where we were talking about just that, the labels and how hard it is not to have the labels. But I feel for myself that I'm not a label. I am me. And if people don't like that, that's OK. That's their stuff. I don't like everyone either.

GIGI: Yeah. Well, who would like to go first on topic?

PATRICK: I guess I will.

GIGI: We're pointing to each other. We all go both ways.

GABRIELLE: Well, they really both tie-in.

PATRICK: Yeah. Well, what I really wanted to talk about was the fact that a lot of youth today have a really hard time accepting their sexual identity, their gender. I mean, the average age for a queer youth or a youth that identifies as either queer or is identified by their peers as queer is more likely to commit suicide or to try to at the early age of 13. I mean, and one out of four queer youth has tried to or been able to commit suicide at least once or twice before they're 16. So it's a hard topic to identify with. But, I mean, it is a fact of life. I mean, I know from personal experience that it's not something to try to avoid, to try to escape as suicide does that. But it is a very difficult topic for a lot of people, and it's a very difficult process for a lot of people.

GIGI: Well, when--

JIMMY: I know.

GIGI: --I was a teenager, I tried to commit suicide three times. And it's a very real threat.

JIMMY: You bet.

GABRIELLE: I tried twice before I was 16 years old with the full intention of both times of never waking up. And I'm still here.

JIMMY: Oh, I'm glad you woke up.

GABRIELLE: And I think I'm better for having made it so far.

JIMMY: But I think teenage life is a huge hurdle for anyone.

GABRIELLE: I think it's living hell.

JIMMY: But you throw in sexual orientation, you throw in gender identity, and it really throws people off.

GUEST: Yeah, anything that anybody thinks is abnormal, whether it is or not--

JIMMY: You bet.

GIGI: Yeah.

GABRIELLE: The label society puts on us to act normal.

GUEST: Exactly.

JACKIE: The problem is the society tries to define too narrowly. They say one label, transgendered. Well, to me transgendered means one thing. To Bobby here or Jimmy or somebody else, it means something entirely different. And unless we discuss it back and forth and say, well, this is what I mean when I say transgendered-- but by the same token, transgendered is not the only aspect of my personality. I've got a lot of other things that make me what I am and who I am.

JIMMY: Sure.

GIGI: And I went to a workshop this morning. It was called Transgender and the Monster.

GABRIELLE: It was called Transsexuals and the Other Scary Monsters.

GIGI: That's right.

[LAUGHTER]

And there's a few transsexuals up here that are redefining what is transexuality--

JIMMY: Good.

GIGI: --and not taking the stereotype and not buying into the accepted label. This conference has been dynamite. I mean, we're really opening the doors up there in a lot of areas.

PATRICK: Yeah, it's been pretty phenomenal to be able to experience this weekend. And, I mean, it's an eye opener for all of us who come into contact with people who are still questioning their sexual identity. And I think I think every day we have to question who we are because we change every minute, every thought we have every word we speak. We change as a person. And if people who identify as lesbian-- if they fall in love with a man, then maybe they would reevaluate themselves. But at the same time, I mean, it's a constant process of just--

JIMMY: Sure.

PATRICK: --rediscovering your roots and who you are.

GIGI: Yeah. I wanted to check with you and see what-- you said you had a similar topic.

GABRIELLE: Well, my topic--

GIGI: First introduce your name again.

GABRIELLE: I'm Gabrielle.

GIGI: Gabrielle.

GABRIELLE: And this kind of topic is actually a very favorite pet peeve of mine, and that is trans civil rights or lack thereof.

JIMMY: Or lack thereof is--

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

- GABRIELLE:** Well, no, because even here in BC, we're not so badly off compared with a lot of other places.
- GIGI:** And BC is British Columbia.
- GABRIELLE:** British Colombia, sorry I really should--
- GIGI:** For our American--
- JIMMY:** That's, OK.
- GIGI:** --listeners.
- JIMMY:** I got it.
- GABRIELLE:** Sorry.
- GIGI:** No, it's OK.
- GABRIELLE:** And in my own transition, sure, because I have a lot of other issues that I deal with addiction and so forth. And I always sat back and let everyone do the fight for me.
- GIGI:** Yeah.
- GABRIELLE:** I can't do that anymore. I can't sit back. I'm sick and tired of the politicians up here with a brand new government made up of idiots. I mean, heck we got 79 seats--
- JIMMY:** You ain't got nothing-- you ain't got nothing on us, honey.
- GUEST:** That's a common affliction.
- GIGI:** We come from Texas where the Bushes grew up and--
- GUEST:** Yes.
- GABRIELLE:** But the thing is--
- GUEST:** Where the deer and the rednecks play.
- GUEST:** Yes.
- GABRIELLE:** We actually have made a few advances up here in the British Columbia human Rights Code. For example, the policy of the Commission is to place gender identity under heading sex. Now that's all very well, and when it's the washroom issue, you're talking about the big washroom issue.
- JIMMY:** Oh, yes, that drives me crazy.
- GABRIELLE:** But it doesn't help me very much if I apply for a job and felt, well, no we really don't want your kind here.
- JIMMY:** Yes.

GABRIELLE: I have no recourse for that. Now, I don't know how bad things are down in Texas though I understand they're pretty bad.

GIGI: Yes.

GABRIELLE: And it's very easy for me to say, hey, look, you know what? I'm in British Columbia, and we're so cool up here. But we got along we stood out too, and I'm just tired of taking it.

GIGI: Yeah.

GABRIELLE: I really am. The fight needs to go on.

JIMMY: Yes.

GABRIELLE: Because I really believe if some of us have advances, if some don't, then none of us do.

JIMMY: It seems like in different parts of the world in the transgender community there are different areas that-- We in Texas may be better in one area in transgender rights than you are, but then you're better in other areas. I mean, for right now in the city of Houston and actually the County of Harris, where we live, there's no way that a transgender can get a name change. It's just impossible because all the judges are Republicans.

GIGI: Yeah.

- And the Republican party has said this will not happen.

GIGI: And I got my name change in at the last minute.

JIMMY: So in that respect we're far behind. But now the city has just passed an anti-discrimination policy for city employees.

JACKIE: Which is transgender inclusive.

JIMMY: Yes, it is.

JACKIE: And it's the only city in Texas that is.

JIMMY: Yes.

GABRIELLE: Oh, right on.

JIMMY: So you see we get them--

JACKIE: Well, you have different areas of concern, and some of them are further along than others. And of course in different jurisdictions, you're going to have different attitudes--

JIMMY: Sure.

JACKIE: --about these different issues. The comment I had when you were talking about the government and how it is down here in Texas, the only beneficial thing is that when W is up there in Washington, Crawford is missing its village idiot.

GUEST: Oh, my god.

JIMMY: Ooh, ouch. Please, this is Public Radio. I don't want them to come bash down the doors.

[LAUGHTER]

GUEST: Hey, hey.

GABRIELLE: They can't do that here

GUEST: It wasn't specific.

JIMMY: That's true, yeah. Wow.

GABRIELLE: Yeah.

JIMMY: So it seems like this conference has really opened your eyes or got you thinking, got the activism bug working or something.

GABRIELLE: This conference basically gave me the kick up the backside that I needed. And we got a lot of national organizations here in Canada and down in the States. And what I would really like to see ultimately is an organization covering both our nations.

JIMMY: Yes.

GABRIELLE: Because, hey, you've got some experiences we don't have up here. And we got a few that you don't have.

JIMMY: That's true.

GIGI: I went to the meeting today where we talked about Canada-- I mean, I'm sorry, lack of sleep.

GABRIELLE: Canadian.

GIGI: Canadian, BiNet Canada. And BiNet Canada and Binett USA are going to be collaborating and working together. I see it as kind of a cooperative that's formed, and it rocks.

GABRIELLE: My personal fight, I believe, for me, coming from the streets, is to help those of us who cannot fight for themselves who are still on the streets because there's a big segment of our population right now.

JIMMY: Sure.

GIGI: Yeah.

GABRIELLE: And how many people end up on the street because they can't handle being trans?

JIMMY: That's right.

GABRIELLE: --or gay or lesbian or bi or whatever.

JIMMY: That's exactly right.

GUEST: Oh, my gosh.

JACKIE: Yes.

GABRIELLE: And at least up here in Canada we got some recourse for that. We've got a good social services system, but we like to complain about it, of course.

JIMMY: We have nothing. We have nothing. We have to take care of our own here.

JACKIE: It's amazing how empowering a conference like this can be. I know the six conferences that we had for the International Conference on transgender law were just extremely empowering for the transgendered people who participated in it. And I'm sure that same thing will be with y'all.

JIMMY: Good.

JACKIE: It's a matter, though, it has to be follow up.

JIMMY: Oh, yes.

JACKIE: You have to keep after it.

- Yeah.

JIMMY: Oh, yeah.

GIGI: Well, we are raising some energy up here that is really fabulous.

GABRIELLE: Oh, it's great.

JIMMY: It sounds it.

GABRIELLE: Oh, yeah.

GIGI: Yeah.

JIMMY: Good, good.

PATRICK: I mean, I think the seminars are very important. But, I mean, it's the off times when we get to interact and socialize that I learned a lot from the BDSM play party last night. And I learned even more so from being able to talk to the people who participated in it. I mean, I sat in the corner and kind of just watched, but today when I was able to actually

JIMMY: I do the same thing.

PATRICK: --talk to the people who--

JIMMY: I do the same thing.

PATRICK: The mistresses and whatnot.

JIMMY: But I think you learn so much. Yes. You learn so much that way.

GIGI: Yeah.

JIMMY: You bet. You bet.

GABRIELLE: Besides socializing's fun.

JIMMY: Well, yes.

GIGI: It is incredible just walking around this beautiful family that we have up here and seeing-- I mean, it's like I did a workshop-- I forget the exact title. It was non-genital orgasm or something like that.

GUEST: Wow.

GIGI: And it involved deep breathing and working the Kegel muscles and then tensing your whole body up and then releasing it, and then all of a sudden you went into this state. And in this state I was crying. I was giggling. I was laughing and orgasming. And all of a sudden, this sense came to me of I found home. This is my family--

GUEST: It sure is.

GIGI: --in a much deeper way than ever before.

JACKIE: Hey, I get the same effect with chocolate.

JIMMY: Hello.

PATRICK: Me too. I'm the same way.

GIGI: Oh, no, not like this, baby. We had probably 30 bisexuals orgasming together--

GUEST: That depends on what you're doing with the chocolate.

GIGI: --in this one room.

JIMMY: Oh, my God. That is certainly a way to end a two hour segment.

GIGI: And what was incredible-- hang on.

JIMMY: Yes.

GIGI: It gets even better. Everybody had their clothes on.

GABRIELLE: Aw.

GUEST: What? Wow.

JIMMY: That is so unusual in this situation where you were in.

JACKIE: I'm disappointed in you, Gigi.

GIGI: We got clothes off later on.

GUEST: Oh, OK. You're forgiven.

JIMMY: OK, we need to wrap this up, and it's gone so quickly.

GIGI: As we wrap up, I'd like each of our guests to say a quick word or two just kind of--

JIMMY: Yes, please. Yes.

GIGI: Just tell us a little recap of your positions.

PATRICK: I just think that it's very important to support everyone, especially the ones that are just coming out. I mean, I'm focusing on youth because I am fairly young. I'm 19 myself. But, I mean, I think it's very important for us to support the questioning community, especially as they come out and to prevent unnecessary deaths in our family.

GIGI: Yeah.

GABRIELLE: And as for me, I just think the main thing I got out from this is that. You know what? It's time for me to take my soap box and to shout and in beloved Premier Gordon Campbell's face. Here I am. If you don't like it, too bad.

GIGI: Well, Jimmy.

JIMMY: Yes, Gigi.

GIGI: It's been another-- I don't know where the two hours went.

JIMMY: I know. It's been incredible.

GIGI: It has been an incredible show.

JIMMY: Yes, thank you so much.

GIGI: Back to the conference.

JIMMY: OK, and have a wonderful, wonderful time

JACKIE: Have fun.

GIGI: Oh, we will.

JACKIE: Bye, bye.

JIMMY: OK. Thank you. Bye.

GIGI: Signing off, bye.

JIMMY: Bye. Oh, that was incredible. That was invigorating. But we're up to the 2 o'clock hour, and you're listening to After Hours, Queer radio with attitude on KPFT Houston and KEOS College Station. And right after this, we're going to bring in Francisco Sanchez and the Latino Hour. Yeah, Esteban, local entertainer with the power of goodbye. And that brings in Francisco Sanchez.

GUEST: His husband.

JIMMY: Yes. But before we get into it, I know that I've held you up.

GUEST: No, that's fine.

JIMMY: We had the bisexual conference from--

GUEST: But it was an interesting show, very interesting.

JIMMY: It's incredible, yes.

GUEST: I was going to eat breakfast. I was on the way over, and I stayed in the car forever because I was listening to the show. I didn't want to go in and miss anything.

JIMMY: Well, I want to mention that tomorrow or today depending on how you look at it, Sunday, Sunday--

GUEST: Sunday.

JIMMY: --August the 12th at the Briar Patch, we have a fundraiser to help pay medical expenses for Wes Stewart, who is the emperor of the Royal Sovereign and Imperial Court of the Single Star, emperor 17. And, Jackie, there's food.

JACKIE: Yeah, food at 7:00 and--

JIMMY: Foot at 7:00?

JACKIE: We'll have food there at 7 o'clock.

JIMMY: Wow.

JACKIE: And then the show starts at 8:00.

JIMMY: OK, this is a big deal.

JACKIE: Yeah, and it's donations and tips to the performers and so forth, and the money will all go to Wes.

JIMMY: Yeah, because he's had some serious--

JACKIE: Very serious, he had brain surgery and so forth like that. And he's been in therapy and so forth since then.

JIMMY: And he's just a big old sweetheart.

JACKIE: Yeah, he is a wonderful, wonderful man.

JIMMY: Simply is. OK. So Briar Patch tomorrow, be there and bring your checkbook. Yes. OK. I'm getting directions from several different--

GUEST: And I'm just letting people come in and out.

JIMMY: Yes, I know. I'm correct.

FRANCISCO SANCHEZ: I guess everybody's just missing my voice.

JIMMY: As of right now I'm just going to shut up.

FRANCISCO SANCHEZ: Do not do that please.

JIMMY: Let you guys.

FRANCISCO So how is everybody doing? I was like, going?
SANCHEZ:

GUEST: Doing good.

FRANCISCO Doing good.
SANCHEZ:

GUEST: The process of moving, that's always interesting.

FRANCISCO Where are you moving at?
SANCHEZ:

GUEST: Ella and over by 43rd.

FRANCISCO Oh, so you're going to be my neighbor.
SANCHEZ:

GUEST: Yeah, you're right down the street.

FRANCISCO Yeah, I'm living on 34th and Mangum.
SANCHEZ:

GUEST: Oh, wow, you have to come over here. We're going to have a housewarming party at some point.

FRANCISCO OK.
SANCHEZ:

GUEST: It'll take a while.

FRANCISCO OK, I was about to say that. He was like-- I'm down the drain right now.
SANCHEZ:

GUEST: You've got to bring a plant.

FRANCISCO Yeah, I was about to say--
SANCHEZ:

GUEST: From the neighbor's porch.

FRANCISCO Actually, no, when I was sick last year, I got like tons of plants for my friend. So my mom took half. I took half, and
SANCHEZ: they're all growing. So it's like, I can just send you one of mine.

GUEST: See, I'm supposed to-- cultural thing, I'm supposed to know how to take care of plants just instinctively, but already it's--

JIMMY: Why?

GUEST: --just not happening.

FRANCISCO SANCHEZ: My mom is always telling me that I don't water them enough. I'm like, you have to water them? I thought the rain would do that.

GUEST: Apparently it doesn't rain enough here.

JIMMY: He's saying that this year, right. Hello.

FRANCISCO SANCHEZ: Well, talking about rain, I've been feeling very sad lately because Central America is going through a drought. And there's about two million people starving.

JIMMY: Oh, my god.

FRANCISCO SANCHEZ: Yeah, and it's like.

JIMMY: No, I don't know that. Really?

FRANCISCO SANCHEZ: Well, it's like not many people know it because, I mean, not all the countries have been affected. It's only been like the central parts of some of them. And it's just, they haven't had any rain, and it's just so sad. But it's like, this is what I'm telling Bush you need to sign the Kyoto agreement because this is an environmental issue. I mean, and the countries that are going to be affected are those that cannot fend for themselves.

GUEST: They kind of just have to grow their own food.

FRANCISCO SANCHEZ: Yeah, and it's like the whole system is changing, el Nino, la Nina, el compadre.

GUEST: It's kind of interesting. You look at--

JACKIE: Well, the other thing also is in Central America, they're still recovering from that hurricane that came through here, and it's creating a new one for them.

JIMMY: Yeah.

FRANCISCO SANCHEZ: And it's just a repercussion. You have a hurricane that hit the land, hit the area, and just took all the the soil. It washed the-- Yeah. It washed it away. So it's like, when you replant, it is so different. And you also have the fact that--

JIMMY: Yeah.

FRANCISCO SANCHEZ: It's been very hot lately. My grandma has been asking my mom for like fans and fans and fans. We already sent three fans, and it's like, I'm from Honduras actually. I just wanted to mention that. And it's so hard because my grandma said the temperature has reached the 140s. In here, we're like--

JIMMY: 140 degrees?

FRANCISCO SANCHEZ: Yeah.

JIMMY: Oh, my God.

FRANCISCO And it's the tropics area.

SANCHEZ:

JACKIE: That's got to be the heat index though.

FRANCISCO Yeah. That broke the record, and it was just one day, but it was so horrible. And that's what--

SANCHEZ:

JIMMY: Whereabouts in Honduras was that? Whereabouts in Honduras was that?

FRANCISCO In the top side near the capital city, which is very high. Yeah, Tegucigalpa. And those are the areas that are being affected, the central areas of Honduras, the northern part of el Salvador, the Eastern part of Guatemala.

SANCHEZ:

Nicaragua still hasn't said anything about droughts and people that are-- I think they have about 700 deaths. The heat waves, starvation, and all that, it's just so hard. But they're getting a lot of help from the United Nations, which is pretty good.

JACKIE: But they need more.

FRANCISCO Yeah, they need a lot of help. And as always, Europe comes to help. No thanks, everyone else. But I do have to say that European countries are very, very giving. Yeah, I've got to go to the mother country. Honduras is getting a visit actually from our Crown Prince, Felipe de Borbon. He's 33, and very eligible.

SANCHEZ:

JIMMY: Wait a minute? Crown Prince of who?

FRANCISCO Of Spain.

SANCHEZ:

JIMMY: Oh.

FRANCISCO He's the youngest child of prince-- Oh, what's his name? Of King Juan Carlos and queen Sofia.

SANCHEZ:

JIMMY: I keep forgetting that they have a king and queen again.

JACKIE: Yeah, they have a monarchy over in Spain. It's a constitutional monarchy.

JIMMY: I grew up with Franco. And he was the dictator who would not die.

FRANCISCO Well, Franco-- See, what--

SANCHEZ:

JACKIE: Well, Castro has joined that club too.

FRANCISCO Well, you know that--

SANCHEZ:

GUEST: We've got ours here called Jesse Helms.

JIMMY: You got it.

FRANCISCO SANCHEZ: Well, during Franco's regime, or dictatorship, that's when the monarchy was abolished. But when he was dying, he wanted for Spain to recover his glory, and he brought back the King and gave him some sort of powers. But it wasn't until his death that the constitutional monarchy was adopted again, which was pretty neat. And the only thing that I feel so bad about, Felipe, is that he has to marry royalty. And there's not that many princesses around.

JIMMY: No that's true.

FRANCISCO SANCHEZ: I'm like, if he were gay, then he can marry the one from England--

JIMMY: We're not saying he's gay, but, hey.

JACKIE: Actually, surprisingly enough, there are a number of them although they're primarily Eastern European. I know King Simeon from Hungary or Romania-- Yeah, but anyhow, he was a classmate at Valley Forge.

JIMMY: Wow.

FRANCISCO SANCHEZ: And he has a sister that's very eligible.

JIMMY: Yeah, but--

FRANCISCO SANCHEZ: The problem is that there's a clause that he allowed them that he has to marry royalty because he would be the king. But, I mean, he's one of the most handsome men in the whole world. He's ain't going to marry the ugliest one. And I'm thinking he's just going to marry-- she's a princess. She's a french princess, who is related to some Austrian royalty because he has to be a full blooded, related to Queen or something. And I think she's the goddaughter of Queen Sofia, of his mother. So it will work really well because I know that one of the reasons why he never really worked out with them because he was a little thick around the waist. But she's--

JACKIE: Oh, you're so diplomatic.

JIMMY: Yeah. And there's a reason all the female royalty in England have horses so that they can look better.

FRANCISCO SANCHEZ: But that is one of the things that I love. I love seeing what's going around especially Spanish royalty because it's just so interesting, especially because we don't have any in Latin America. So we just have to look for them.

GUEST: You have to borrow them.

FRANCISCO SANCHEZ: We have to borrow them from somebody else, and I'm just sick and tired of the English one.

GUEST: The closest we had was Davida, I think.

FRANCISCO SANCHEZ: It's like, every time I hear royalty, it's like, do not go to England please. Look at--

JIMMY: Anywhere.

FRANCISCO --Norway, Denmark, Belgium, Monaco, Andorra, most of them have some sort of duke and duchess.
SANCHEZ:

JACKIE: Some sort of [INAUDIBLE].

FRANCISCO Yeah, some sort of somebody.
SANCHEZ:

JACKIE: Some sort of royalty.

FRANCISCO It's like everybody was exiled somewhere, other countries if they're still alive.
SANCHEZ:

GUEST: [INAUDIBLE] around to see where at.

FRANCISCO Yeah, somehow there's an Italian queen, and it's like there hasn't been no king and queen in Italy.
SANCHEZ:

GUEST: Oh, honey, there's a lot of Italian queens.

GUEST: About to say, we have a lot of Queens here in the Bronx.

JACKIE: Yeah, I've known a lot of Italian queens.

FRANCISCO OK, I'm going to say this. You got me there. You got me there.
SANCHEZ:

ROY: Now, Sandy, we do have a lot of Queens here in the Montros.

FRANCISCO But nobody will take the place of her Majesty, the duchess of York.
SANCHEZ:

JACKIE: Oh, please.

FRANCISCO Big Fergie.
SANCHEZ:

GUEST: Big Fergie?

JIMMY: Oh, brother.

[LAUGHTER]

FRANCISCO I know.
SANCHEZ:

JIMMY: So in other news.

GUEST: OK, in other news--

FRANCISCO Yeah, let's change the subject.

SANCHEZ:

GUEST: --Big Fergie brought to our attention that the Montreal soccer club is alive and kicking.

FRANCISCO I've actually been playing in it.

SANCHEZ:

GUEST: Have you really?

JIMMY: Really?

FRANCISCO Yes.

SANCHEZ:

GUEST: Tell us about this.

GUEST: Tell us about it.

GUEST: Saturdays at 10 o'clock at Woodrow Wilson School if you want. You can call them in montrosesc@soccer.com.

FRANCISCO Nobody's going to answer that email, believe me. Remember when Big Joe-- Did I mess up Big Joe?

SANCHEZ:

JIMMY: Big who?

GUEST: Sean?

JACKIE: Chris.

GUEST: Chris.

FRANCISCO Chris, yeah. I'm like, Big Joe? Where am I going, Big Joe? When Big Chris gave me the little note, remember we

SANCHEZ: announced a few.

JIMMY: Yes. Yes, I do.

FRANCISCO And I emailed them because I was very curious. Until this day I never got anything back.

SANCHEZ:

JIMMY: Oh, really.

FRANCISCO I just decided to go on my own and actually practice a few times. We played a few games and that was cool, and

SANCHEZ: it was a really kind of good bonding. What was more interesting is the fact that it ain't completely gay. It's a mix. Outside it's like Mexicans, Mexicans, Mexicans, Mexicans and some darn cute Mexicans. You see them sweat, and I just go, woo.

GUEST: And so, they're straight and just going to play soccer or?

FRANCISCO There's a pretty good mix, straight, bi, gay. And it's just pretty good because we just go in and have fun, and

SANCHEZ: there's no labels.

GUEST: How do people get out there?

FRANCISCO SANCHEZ: It's hot. It's right there by Fairview.

GUEST: Yeah.

FRANCISCO SANCHEZ: And it's pretty neat. I mean, if there's somebody playing and if you want to join, just ask. Put on your soccer shoes and go ahead.

GUEST: Because Roy and I were talking about that when you talked about the announcement. And if you go over the Gulfton area, you see those parts are just full of soccer players.

ROY: Yes. Oh, I got such wonderful fond memories.

FRANCISCO SANCHEZ: See one of the things that I started my campaign actually when I started playing soccer is the fact that Houston doesn't have any Major League Soccer, men or female because we already have-- this year we kick off with the women Major Soccer League, Soccer whatever. Oh, anyway.

ROY: Well, we do. They're called the Houston Hotshots.

FRANCISCO SANCHEZ: No, but that's indoors.

ROY: That's indoors.

FRANCISCO SANCHEZ: Yes. We're talking about outdoors soccer league.

- There's a team called the Hurricanes.

ROY: Yeah, what--

GUEST: But I don't know--

ROY: --I want to know--

GUEST: --where they play or [INAUDIBLE].

ROY: What I want to know is what happened in the Colombia, Mexico match.

FRANCISCO SANCHEZ: I can tell you because actually my brother and I were watching the whole thing from beginning to end. See, Colombia beat Mexico. And I was like, woo.

GUEST: That's sick.

FRANCISCO SANCHEZ: And the Mexicans were, you cheated, you cheated. This is fixed. I'm like, you lost. Go home. Honduras, actually, we won third place. Yeah, that was pretty neat because it was the first time they invited-- it's called the Copa America. It's like the American cup. But that's the oldest Major League competition among countries, older than the World Cup.

JIMMY: Wow.

FRANCISCO SANCHEZ: Yeah, and that's one of the most interesting things. And that's the most prestigious because it's been around for so long. And because it was going to be held in Colombia, a lot of the teams felt-- well, actually it was cancelled at first, and then they rescheduled it. They was going to reschedule it for next year, and they decided, no, we're not going to do that. We're just going to do it this year because the World Cup is going to be next year. And they don't want to create no confusions.

GUEST: Good point.

FRANCISCO SANCHEZ: So they did it, and Colombia was the host country. And Colombia is in a Civil War right now, the whole guerilla and the war going on.

JIMMY: And they're hosting this?

FRANCISCO SANCHEZ: And they hosted it.

JIMMY: Oh, my god.

FRANCISCO SANCHEZ: And it was very difficult because you don't want to send your best players have them being kidnapped, yeah, and ransomed for money because that's what a lot of the countries were fearing, that the guerrillas were going to go steal your best players. So Argentina did not attend, so they withdraw because of that. They didn't want to go through the whole situation. And a lot of the countries did not call their best players. So they just went in with backups.

JIMMY: Send in the B team.

FRANCISCO SANCHEZ: Yeah, and also because there was a mix up with rescheduling.

JIMMY: Well, sure.

FRANCISCO SANCHEZ: So it's like a lot of the players are already off on vacation or back to their original teams. So when Argentina backed up Canada, also backed up because Canada was a guest. So when Canada said, we're not going to do, they invited Costa Rica. And so Costa Rica joined it for the second time. And when Argentina backed up, they just couldn't find anybody else. And they just went, do you want to come over? And then Honduras said, OK.