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Oh, yes. You've tuned into *After Hours*, a continuing tradition on KPFT Houston 90.1 FM. The crew of *After Hours* is ready to bring you news, interviews, and music geared for gay and lesbian people. Here at *After Hours*, we may be diverse, but we have one thing in common, we are out of the closet and urge everyone to come out of their closets.

That means standing up for yourself, taking responsibility for your own life, and being proud of who you are. Realistically, we not everyone can do that because of age, job, or frame of mind. That's OK. We're here for you too. So sit back, relax, and enjoy this week's edition of *After Hours*.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

**BOTH:** After hours.

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Oh, God. It's time for a new opening. I'm getting tired of that song.

**HOWARD** I think that thing really suck-os.

**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** That song's older than you are Jesus Christ.

**HOWARD** It's older than that toupee you have.

**MCHALE:**

**JIMMY CARPER:** What do y'all mean by--

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Which I borrowed from you. Oh my God.

**HOWARD** Hey, it is freezing in this town.

**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Hey, I need a new jacket. So if there's anybody out there with a mink-lined leather bomber. Jimmy? I tell him I'll have to kill him to get that goddamn coat.

**HOWARD** I've seen the fur on your back [? with me ?]. I think half the hookers in this town I've seen your back.

**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Oh, yeah, leaving your apartment at night. I mean--

**HOWARD** You wench.

**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** I go out in the morning in my curlers, my babushka, picking up my paper in my robe, and what's always walking out of your apartment? Either a Hispanic or African-American man with a frightened look on his face.

**HOWARD** That's because I told him where you live. Hey, how are you tonight?

**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Hey, besides this weather, I'm great.

**HOWARD** Oh, God. What's going on tonight? Well, the Oilers aren't winning, aren't doing too good. Geez.

**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** No, neither are the Rockets.

**HOWARD** Well, I tell you, they're blasting out of here, huh? Nyuck, nyuck, nyuck. So what's going on in town tonight?

**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** I don't know. We're down here again.

**HOWARD** Oh, it's Saturday in the city.

**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** When we could be at the Ripcord on a Saturday night picking up dates back there on the patio.

**HOWARD** It usually happens, between you and me. Yeah. You're looking wonderful tonight.

**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Oh, well, you know, bundled up in a sweater.

**HOWARD** Oh, I tell you. I thought that was a pillow. Oh. I thought you were sitting on one. What are those, your thighs?

**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Oh, thank God my thighs aren't as big as your forehead. I tell you, that would be scary.

**HOWARD** Hey, at least I can generate some heat from the sun up there. Those thighs only generate heat from getting

**MCHALE:** rubbed. What do you mean? Welcome to Houston.

**SCOTT LEWIS:** We didn't even introduce ourselves. You're listening, of course, to *After Hours*, Scott Lewis and Howard "Big Daddy" McHale, first Saturday of every month, always here, wild and crazy.

**HOWARD** Crazy. And guess who else is in town?

**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Who?

**HOWARD** My sister will be joining us later.

**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Really? Carol?

**HOWARD** Yeah, she's in town.

**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Oh, this is going to be an experience.

**HOWARD** Oh, God, seeing some of the real females in my family.

**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** I bet she looks just like you in drag.

**HOWARD** She does, but she doesn't have a forehead.

**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Neither do you in drag combing down that wig.

**HOWARD** Well, of course, I have the biggest breasts in my family.

**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Don't get me started about your workout. Now that I've worked out with you at the club--

**HOWARD** You have never been to the gym with me. I knew I shouldn't have taken you. I knew it.

**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Five reps on the machine, steam room, five reps on the next machine, steam room, five reps on the next machine, whirlpool.

**HOWARD** Please. Please tell our adoring fans where we went over Thanksgiving.

**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Oh, it was fabulous.

**HOWARD** Oh, turkey. Gobble, gobble.

**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Got out of this town. Got out of this godforsaken town and flew up to Dallas.

**HOWARD** Dorothy and Toto left. And I'll tell you who was Toto. Go ahead.

**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Fabulous time in Dallas. We went to our favorite bar.

**HOWARD** Oh, the favorite bar.

**MCHALE:**

**BOTH:** The Brick.

**HOWARD** And there was no one there.

**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Nobody there but us.

**HOWARD** What a dead town.

**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** It was.

**HOWARD** I'm moving.

**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** But we had fun over at Zippers.

**HOWARD** We had toot, toot. Toot, toot.

**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** And ended up at those guys' apartment until 5:00 in the morning.

**HOWARD** At that party, you kept saying-- what'd you-- you were drooling and sitting there on the kitchen table, and I had

**MCHALE:** to get out of there. And oh, I can never forgive you. And then that little incident at the health spa.

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Shh, we'll talk about that later.

**HOWARD** Oh, you're no fun.

**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** So anyway, we have kind of a festive show tonight.

**HOWARD** We do.

**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Because as you all know, one of your favorite features that always gets the lines lit up is the husband hunt here on our show. We are always trying to find you lovers. Hell, we're always trying to find ourselves lovers.

**HOWARD** We got find you hair.

**MCHALE:**

[CHUCKLING]

**SCOTT LEWIS:** We'll do like Beavis and Butthead, we could shave our beard and glue it on the top.

**HOWARD** Hey, watch it. Watch it. I heard you're going to start going out with Jeffrey Dahmer.

**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Now that he's in six different pieces.

**HOWARD** I tell you, I wonder if anyone ate him.

**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** It's got to be better than that prison food.

**HOWARD** Go to Wendy's in Seattle. Anyway, now, do you think that's right?

**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** That they got killed?

**HOWARD** I know a lot of people out there are thinking about this and saying an eye for an eye, tooth for a tooth, a rib for a  
**MCHALE:** rib, thigh for a thigh.

**SCOTT LEWIS:** The hair club for men membership for a hair club for men membership?

**HOWARD** Almost sounds like a barbecue. Anyway, tell them about the show tonight.  
**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** He should've died, and he should have been put to death in the first place.

**HOWARD** Oh, I don't know. Go ahead.  
**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Husband hunt, incredibly popular, started what, about three years ago on my first show.

**HOWARD** We're beasts.  
**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Please, I need a husband. And it has exploded. We've got Sandy and Jennifer dating three months now, met on our show.

**HOWARD** I can't wait to go to the wedding.  
**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** I know. Please. You're going to be the flower girl is the only reason you want to go.

**HOWARD** Always a bridesmaid, never a mound. Is that how it goes? Oh, whatever. Go ahead.  
**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** So anyway, it's been incredibly successful. And I was flipping through the *Twit Magazine* not too long ago. And I noticed that there was a gay video dating service in town.

**HOWARD** Can you believe it?  
**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** I couldn't believe it.

**HOWARD** I could not believe it either.  
**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** I said where do I enroll?

**HOWARD** She called me up the next day. She said, Gina, I know you got good hair, but get this. There's a video service.  
**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Video dating.

**HOWARD** So what do we do? What do we do?  
**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** We decided we're going.

**HOWARD** We're going.

**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** We are going.

**HOWARD** Until we found out the price.

**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Then we said, oh my God.

**HOWARD** No, no, no.

**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Send us a postcard.

**HOWARD** We don't need husbands.

**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** No, actually, the price is really reasonable. They have an introductory offer.

**HOWARD** I couldn't believe it.

**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** But anyway, we went over there and took a tour and stuff.

**HOWARD** We did.

**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** And sitting here with us are a couple of guys from the video dating service that are going to tell us all about it.

**HOWARD** They're coming up later. Wow.

**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** So those of you who--

**HOWARD** Good-looking, strapping, young dudes, aren't they?

**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** I tell you.

**HOWARD** I think they're straight.

**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** I think one of them's a little bit nelly. But anyway, yeah. Which one was that?

**HOWARD** Yeah, really.

**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** So anyway, we're going to break away to a song. And when we come back, all of you who are out there calling us every week trying to find a husband or a wife--

**HOWARD** Tell them what we're going to do with the contest so they can start calling.

**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Well, we are going to talk a little bit about the video dating service first. And then for the next month, we are going to take entries for a free membership to a gay video dating service.

**HOWARD** Think of it.

**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Can you imagine?

**HOWARD** The rouge. The mascara.

**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** How about we just say we give it away, and we take it for ourselves?

**HOWARD** We don't need dates.

**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Oh, please.

**HOWARD** We need facelifts.

**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** You just need to get those crow's feet taken care of.

**HOWARD** Hey, I'm an old woman. Leave me alone. Go ahead.

**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Moses didn't live to be that old. By the way, have you heard from him lately?

**HOWARD** Yes.

**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** I saw you.

**HOWARD** We're still writing. I wish the man would leave me alone.

**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** I tell you that mail's a bitch too, carrying in those stone tablets.

**HOWARD** Oh, I hated it every day.

**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Your post office ladies always bitching.

**HOWARD** Ever since I went waterskiing in the Dead Sea. Everyone thought he just parted it. He just had a big boat.

**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** We're going to take a break. And when we come back, we're going to have Paul and Eric from Introductions, a gay video dating service, here in Houston. We'll be right back after this song.

**HOWARD** Bye-bye.

**MCHALE:**

What do you mean? I would have dumped you too.

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Oh, don't get me started. Don't get me started about your clip-in hair weave. OK, that's not cheap either. So anyway, sitting in the studio here with us are Paul and Eric from introductions, which is video dating service. And we were over the other day and kind of took the tour through, not because we were thinking about joining of course, but--

**HOWARD** Shh.

**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** --just as reporters of the news.

**HOWARD** That's how we got in free. That's how we get in free everywhere, even the Tubs.

**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** I haven't been to the Tub since you took me that time to the French Quarter. I go there now.

**HOWARD** Oh, you were stuck in that little room and shook. I remember.

**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** That was the ballpark. Do you remember? Do you remember? All right, the guys are here. We need to talk about this video--

**HOWARD** They don't want to hear about our plan.

**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Please, the bookstores. So anyway, Paul, Eric, welcome.

**HOWARD** Welcome.

**MCHALE:**

**ERIC:** Hi.

**PAUL:** Hi.

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Now, you guys get close to the microphone.

**HOWARD** Get right up in there, Eric. Get right up in there.

**MCHALE:**

**ERIC:** OK.

**SCOTT LEWIS:** So where did this idea come from, video dating?

**ERIC:** It came from all of our friends who needed a date.

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Do you have dates? I mean, are you like--

**HOWARD** Do you have any friends?

**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Are you all single?

**ERIC:** Yes.

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Y'all are both single?

**ERIC:** Yes.

**PAUL:** No, I'm not.

**SCOTT LEWIS:** You're not single.

**HOWARD** With moose like that in your hair, I wouldn't be single either.

**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Imagine the Nellie one being the married one.

**HOWARD** I tell you.

**MCHALE:**

[LAUGHTER]

**SCOTT LEWIS:** just all your friends talking, and you all decided, we can do it.

**PAUL:** We believe that they didn't have one here. And we felt like, given the times, it was something that was real important that community didn't have.

**ERIC:** I mean, the idea is not really new. The concept's been around for three or four years across the country, New York, San Francisco.

**HOWARD** Well, straight people have been doing it for how many years?

**MCHALE:**

**PAUL:** Several, 10 or 15 years.

**HOWARD** We went to some of those as research, and--

**MCHALE:**

**ERIC:** That's how you guys got in too, huh?

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Yeah, they tried to fix us up with the perfect woman.

**ERIC:** Oh, go ahead.

**PAUL:** Anyway, so the idea is not really new. And so it's been in operation in New York, San Francisco. And so we toured a couple of them and got some ideas and did some research. And after three or four months, we put our own act together here. And we're about 2 and 1/2 months into operation, and it's been quite successful thus far.

**HOWARD** Now, Houston is what we always talk about being the fourth largest city in the country. How come it's taken so long for Houston to catch up? And I hate to ask this, but does Dallas have this before us? Did they?

**MCHALE:**

**PAUL:** Dallas does, as a matter of fact. And we visited there, and they're doing wonderful. And there's two--

**HOWARD** In fact, they have two of them.

**MCHALE:**

**PAUL:** There's two places there, and one of them has like over 800 members in a two-year period of time. And we just felt like if they could do that in Dallas and they're all so nasty in Dallas, we ought to be able to have a more friendlier response here in Houston. And really, what we're trying to cater to is the professionals, the people that want a monogamous relationship, that are tired of the bar scenes and tired of running around the same crowd.

We're not promising a one night stand. What we're promising them is somebody that they can be friends with, compatible with. If it turns into more, then we did a real good job. And we're not making any money on it. So you have to call and give us details, details, details.

[LAUGHTER]

**HOWARD** What scares me, and I'll tell you my biggest fear about going to a gay video service is that it would seem somewhat cold and heartless. How do you guys get the people in there--

**MCHALE:**

**PAUL:** You just--

**HOWARD** How do you make them happy?

**MCHALE:**

**PAUL:** --but you should see what he's wearing. Did you see what he's--

[LAUGHTER]

**SCOTT LEWIS:** I've seen those shoes on someone else before, Bozo.

**ERIC:** Well, you know what they say about men with big feet?

**SCOTT LEWIS:** What?

**ERIC:** Big shoes.

**HOWARD** Yeah, really.

**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Now, to me, that would be real-- I would feel real intimidated and kind of just afraid to go. How do you open your office up and make it warm and inviting, and how do you handle your people for their first timers because they're kind of scared.

**PAUL:** We sleep with everybody that comes in.

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Oh.

**PAUL:** Typically, yes.

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Quick, someone turn off the lights.

**PAUL:** Well, we feel that it's the only real way to get to know everybody.

[LAUGHTER]

**SCOTT LEWIS:** I used to sleep with [INAUDIBLE].

**PAUL:** No, that's true.

**ERIC:** Oh, now, you guys.

**PAUL:** It's worked really well.

**SCOTT LEWIS:** That's the only way you can volunteer on this show, by the way.

**PAUL:** The truth of the matter is, I think that if you'll meet everybody at the place, you'll see that everybody's quite genuine. And we only feel like our job is done when we've given everybody dates, when we can call them up afterwards and say, did you have a good time? And they're actually like in love. And we have one or two of those already. I'm proud to tell you.

**ERIC:** Beth, that's the most exciting part of the business, yeah.

**PAUL:** And as far as how it's decorated or whatever, we try to do something that was dignified and showed a little bit of class because that's what we're hoping the kind of people to attract.

**SCOTT LEWIS:** How many Hispanic clients do you have so far?

**PAUL:** Oh, I don't know. It's hard to keep track of--

**ERIC:** Four.

**PAUL:** We don't really go by ethnic. We go by how many good looking versus how many not good looking.

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Oh, come on. Everyone is good looking in world.

**ERIC:** Yeah, they're all good looking.

**PAUL:** Look at Scott.

[LAUGHTER]

You have to discount all videos by at least 10% because--

**ERIC:** Yeah, we discussed that today.

**PAUL:** We discussed that at our meeting. We have to prep everybody that you don't look as good on a video. But the truth of the matter is, we were kind of worried we were going to end up with some sort of a geek association. And the truth of the matter is that everybody that's come in has been somebody that I think any one of us would want to go out with.

**HOWARD** Definitely.

**MCHALE:**

**ERIC:** Probably my ex-lover.

**PAUL:** What's his name, and I'll tell you.

[LAUGHTER]

We offer the level of discretion that you desire.

[LAUGHTER]

**HOWARD** That's funny.

**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** So they have to go through a process, right? They come in they go through questions. Is there a test?

**PAUL:** You come in, and once you decide to become a member, there's a 56-question member profile that you would fill out.

**ERIC:** It was designed by gay psychologist, here in Houston.

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Right.

**ERIC:** And it basically determines what type of person you are, what type of person you're seeking. Then it consists of 12 optional questions which kind of--

**PAUL:** We'll find out later anyways.

[LAUGHTER]

**ERIC:** But it addresses the HIV and safe sex.

**HOWARD** Circumcision?

**MCHALE:**

**ERIC:** No, it doesn't get into those personal things.

**BOTH:** Aw.

**SCOTT LEWIS:** You need to add that, make it 13.

**PAUL:** Well, we have private interview questions that we ask as well, stuff that you just can't put on multiple choice.

**HOWARD** What some of the questions?

**MCHALE:**

**ERIC:** Put it on the table. That's a good question.

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Put it on the table?

**PAUL:** I was told to do that on the very first person, but I sat on his lap instead.

**SCOTT LEWIS:** No.

[LAUGHTER]

**PAUL:** I [INAUDIBLE] his sign, and then the next person didn't. And I didn't sit on his lap, and I thought, well, obviously, I just didn't sit on the lap [? that was ?] the problem.

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Now, I know we're goofing off here with this, and I know you guys are trying to portray this real serious. But in all these questions, do you think men really care about penis size?

**ERIC:** Uh, I'm sure they do, but it's not addressed. It's not addressed.

**PAUL:** We want you to have something to talk about when you're just the two of you. We've already computer matched you. We've already had you done-- had you done. Excuse me, I majored in English. You did a video that all we tried to do on the video was get you to laugh and just talk a little bit about yourself and what you're looking for, in five minutes or less, of course.

So you've seen their video. So by the time you go out with them, you know that you have a lot in common. Now you get to find out what it is. Hopefully, there's a spark there.

**ERIC:** And that's when you get to find out penis size.

**PAUL:** And that's-- usually, yeah.

**SCOTT LEWIS:** You know what?

**ERIC:** If you need something to get them motivated to talk and giggle, we could just send Howard in naked to the session. And that's good for an [INAUDIBLE]

**SCOTT LEWIS:** We could measure.

**ERIC:** Penis size doesn't matter to us.

[LAUGHTER]

**PAUL:** We serve wine.

**SCOTT LEWIS:** What are some of the-- you would feel that the biggest fears of someone walking in? To me, like I told you before, I was petrified walking in the office. I'm like, oh, this is real scary.

**PAUL:** Had we sent you anything at all? Or had you talked to anybody before you came in?

**HOWARD** Yeah, we filled out the 152 questionnaire.

**MCHALE:**

**PAUL:** Well, we have certain levels of questionnaire that we give depending on what you're wearing on the day that you come in.

**SCOTT LEWIS:** I didn't understand that 2 plus 2 arithmetic. Maybe, were we at HISD headquarters? We went in the wrong building.

**PAUL:** They're not asking, but we'll volunteer to tell you that we do screen so that not just anybody can come in. I thought I would say that [? and then-- ?].

**ERIC:** Maybe that's why we could-- open the damn door!

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Now, how do we know we're not going to get a bum.

**PAUL:** Well, we do criminal background investigations.

**HOWARD** That's real important.

**MCHALE:**

**PAUL:** And we do that first. Matter of fact, we'll do that before you do anything else. So the first thing when you do, you come in, we're not a high-pitch sales. That's what scared us about all the other places that we went to. You felt like, just give me the phone and let me get out of here already. It was a terrible experience.

And so mostly what we're hoping for is people will come in, like what they see, be interested in the program, and want to sign up. At that point, they would give us a copy of their driver's license, social security card, and we'll do a criminal background investigation and have them come back a few days later.

We'll send them home with some materials so that they can prepare themselves for the video if they want to do that the next time. Then they'll come in the next time, and they'll do the 52 questionnaire. We'll do the interview questions. We have them work with the same counselor the whole time so that they feel comfortable because it's neat.

You want to work with the same person all the time. This way, when you get them a date, there is that personal touch that you have to do where there's been times where we fix people up, even though they might not have matched on the computer. But you did the interview questions, and you just could see that they had a lot in common that wasn't necessarily on a multiple-choice questionnaire.

Then they'd do the video. And we've done them every different ways from them throwing us out of the room to doing a Johnny Carson, Ed McMahon interview style, to prepared monologues, holding up cue cards. Yeah, whatever they want. We're trying to make it a pleasant experience for everybody.

It gets fun. Truthfully, everybody makes a face when they do the video until they do the video and it turns out to be the most fun that they've had.

Now that couples are starting to meet and go out and like each other, we're hoping that will mushroom and that people will see that this is really, truly the intelligent alternative of the 90s.

**SCOTT LEWIS:** So this criminal background check, at what level do they get excluded, or would you say, we're not going to match with anyone? Is it like a traffic ticket, a bounced check, felony forgery? Well, you know, murder one.

**ERIC:** Any major felony.

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Capital murder.

**PAUL:** Well, Jeffrey Dahmer didn't do well at all. I'm glad he's out.

**SCOTT LEWIS:** He didn't do well in jail either.

**PAUL:** Did he do Mastercard? Do you know?

**HOWARD**  
**MCHALE:** I think he did Visa.

**PAUL:** [INAUDIBLE] Of course, now there's more of him to go around. We could probably just charge twice as much.  
[LAUGHTER]

**SCOTT LEWIS:** At least you didn't take a check.

**ERIC:** Oh, thank God. Yeah, because I think he's closed his account now.  
[LAUGHTER]  
So if they have any felonies in their past, then you won't service them.

**PAUL:** Exactly.

**ERIC:** Well, unless somebody else comes in who also has felonies.

**PAUL:** Never tried to match up the felonies.

**HOWARD**  
**MCHALE:** Are one of the questions, how many lovers have you had in the past? How many-- you know what I mean?

**ERIC:** No. One of the questions is, though, have you ever had a dating experience that you would care not to experience again, or a date-- a relationship that you would care not to experience again?

**PAUL:** In hundreds words or less because--

**ERIC:** Briefly, [INAUDIBLE] it would be as thick as that paper you have your arm on.

**PAUL:** Yeah.

**ERIC:** You thought *Gone with the Wind* was a big story. Howard, you shouldn't date your sister.

**SCOTT LEWIS:** No, that was your sister I was dating.

**ERIC:** Your cousin.

**PAUL:** Go ahead.

**SCOTT LEWIS:** So they get through the criminal background check and they get through that, and they do their video. Then, how do they get hooked up? They like look at videos, somebody looks at videos.

**PAUL:** No, you match them up on the computer first. We're trying to narrow down the odds here for you. So then, let's say, four people match up with you. We'll send you a card that says, give us a call when you get a chance. And what that means, code, is that we've matched you up.

You come in. We'll hand you those four videos. You go in to the back room and look at the videos. If you're interested in any of the videos that you saw, then you will let us know. And we will, in turn, call those people. They'll come in. Hopefully, they'll like your video too. And then we hand out phone numbers. And then you're kind of on your own.

**HOWARD** You know what they should do. They should give you an I a free little one-time service, and see--  
**MCHALE:**

**ERIC:** Oh, just one time.

**HOWARD** And see-- for the whole month of December, while we do this promotion, just to see what we hook up with, and  
**MCHALE:** bring the guys down here. I tell you.

**ERIC:** Oh, yeah, we'll get plenty of dates. But we only want the Hispanic ones.

**PAUL:** Yeah, we haven't performed any miracles yet.

[LAUGHTER]

No.

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Oh, yeah.

**ERIC:** Well, it could be the *Miracle on 34th*, but however we're on--

**PAUL:** We'll call you. We'll call you. Give us your card, and we hate to take anybody on that we're not sure we can--

**HOWARD** What do you say to our audience?  
**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** I'm in the Houston Firefighter's catalog, or--

**PAUL:** We'd have to do a criminal investigation.

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Oh, god. Well there goes me.

**HOWARD** I thought you were cut out on penis size.  
**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** They said there were no requirements there.

**ERIC:** Oh, that's right.

**PAUL:** Well, and now [INAUDIBLE]

[LAUGHTER]

**ERIC:** If they gave out felonies on penis size, we'd both be out. So don't try.

[LAUGHTER]

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Just lie. You do all the time anyway. Go ahead.

**ERIC:** Oh, let's not talk about your age.

[LAUGHTER]

So anyway, so we go through this whole thing, and we meet up. And then, when you give us phone numbers, it's just up to us. We would call whoever, or they would call us, so forth.

Right, that's right. If you would prefer to be called rather than be the caller, that can be discussed on your interview. And at that time--

**PAUL:** Or when we call you to tell you that-- do you want them to call you or you to call them. We'll take care of that. And then we'll take care of calling you on Monday to make sure that you did OK and that we're doing a good job.

**ERIC:** What a couple of young kids.

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Eric, you'll say, Monday, you call and go, girl, what happened? Tell me the tea. Tell me the tea, girl.

**ERIC:** It's true. It's true.

**SCOTT LEWIS:** And you had a mark on your charger.

**PAUL:** I said to the last guy, I said, I'm not making any money. It's details I want. We can give you a red star.

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Really.

**PAUL:** You're two dirt queens. That's what they are. Do you write for some of these gay newspapers or something?

**SCOTT LEWIS:** No, no.

**ERIC:** They write those little seedy novels you get at Lobo.

[LAUGHTER]

The one with the good looking picture on the front of the good looking guy, and then you open it up, it's just a story. You're like, what is this? Where's the rest of the pictures?

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Where're the pictures? So how's it going down there? Tell the audience where you're at.

**PAUL:** We're at--

**ERIC:** 3118 Richmond, which is basically between Kirby and Buffalo Speedway.

**HOWARD**

Mmm.

**MCHALE:**

**ERIC:** And we're open Monday through Friday, 12:00 PM to 9:00 PM, and Saturdays 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Everything is done by appointment only. And that's just because the business has been quite brisk and also because we're offering a level of discretion. We don't want a lot of people coming in--

**PAUL:** And bumping into other people.

**ERIC:** --off the street and bumping into other people because--

**PAUL:** It gets crazy sometimes because people are coming in to look at videos at the same time that people are coming in to meet--

**ERIC:** Shoot a video.

**PAUL:** --and sometimes people coming to shoot a video. And all of a sudden, there's like 10 people in there.

**ERIC:** And they might see somebody who you haven't matched them up with, and they end up--

**PAUL:** I've done that though. I went to an affair, and all I did was point to two different people. And they went out anyways. They went to bed anyways, and I didn't have the heart to tell him that, when my computer matched them on a Monday, they didn't work out because they said that they did. Although, have they gone out again?

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

**HOWARD** Well, you know why?  
**MCHALE:**

**PAUL:** And there's a lot of that too. You do whatever is-- all we're trying to do is give people a different avenue to meet other people. And instead of going around the same circles that we all tend to do, go around the same circles, I'm hoping that, even if you don't necessarily be physically attracted to that person on the very first day, but maybe you'll be compatibly matched so that you'll have a relationship and you'll meet some of their friends. And that's how it goes.

**HOWARD** Well, you know what? We're going to skip paying the money, and we're just going to sit in the hallway.  
**MCHALE:**

[LAUGHTER]

We'll get them when they're coming in and going out.

[LAUGHTER]

**ERIC:** One can be by the front door, and one can be by the back.

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Oh, yeah.

**ERIC:** Oh, I get the back door.

**SCOTT LEWIS:** --the back door.

[LAUGHTER]

Please, yours is the hidden door. How popular-- are things going real well for you guys?

**PAUL:** Actually, they're going considerably better than what we planned on just based on the figures that we got when we first started getting into this. I think we're up to what? 45 in less than 60 days, which we think is great. We were planning on about what? 15 a month is what we first started with-- that we'd be doing good at.

And I'm thinking that, as more couples are getting matched, which really they told us we couldn't start matching people until we got to about 100 members, which is why we were doing this introductory offer was to get 100 people as quick as possible. And nobody's one-year membership starts until we do get the hundred.

But we started getting matches now, so we figured, well, why not take advantage of it now? And plus, they are telling their friends. So it's kind of been more of a referral type base so far. It's worked well. Let's talk about money, OK? Can we?

**SCOTT LEWIS:** No, we can't.

**PAUL:** We can't?

**SCOTT LEWIS:** No, we can't. We can't.

**PAUL:** Let's just say that you can't go to New Orleans for what we can do for you. Let's just say that.

**SCOTT LEWIS:** That's a good way of putting it.

**PAUL:** That's how we looked at it too. We said, OK, how much would it cost to go on a really nice weekend, not even that nice. And instead, you're buying what a year of opportunity to meet qualified, screened, professional, intelligent, good looking people, which is really what we've had the pleasure of meeting. We'll have leisure activities about once a quarter.

**SCOTT LEWIS:** You didn't meet any of them in that tie, did you?

**HOWARD** Yeah, I don't think we focused on the leisure activities.

**MCHALE:**

**PAUL:** No, I was wearing a little Safari outfit, like you.

[LAUGHTER]

**SCOTT LEWIS:** That's probably why they joined.

**ERIC:** A rhinoceros Safari.

[LAUGHTER]

Don't try it. I'll sell your ivory.

**HOWARD** I tell you, girl. Talk about the contract. How do you sign up, how long you have to join, and what comes with that  
**MCHALE:** year contract?

**ERIC:** Well, basically, it's a contract that describes the services that are going to be rendered. You're going to have an investigative criminal background check done on you. You do your video and everything that we've discussed. The membership is for a one year period.

After the one year, you have the option of renewing at 50% off of the base price of whatever you enrolled in at.

**PAUL:** Or if we didn't get you any dates, we automatically add six months also.

**ERIC:** Exactly, free of charge.

**PAUL:** Right, and the first you got to figure--

**HOWARD** Then they have to go out with you?

**MCHALE:**

**PAUL:** The first three months are going to be-- until we build up 100 people are going to take, they get that for free also.

**ERIC:** Right, so we're actually enrolling people in a 15 month membership. But on top of all of the services with that price tag is the extracurricular activities, which once a quarter we will do outings like to the theater or the symphony, basically, which will be gay or lesbian orientated. And we'll have parties or whatever.

And the tickets will be furnished with pre and post-show parties as well.

**SCOTT LEWIS:** So can single people who don't belong to the service come to these parties?

**ERIC:** No, it's members only.

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Oh, we're not invited?

**ERIC:** Well, no.

**PAUL:** No, we have an image that we're trying to maintain.

[LAUGHTER]

We also have relationship counseling.

[LAUGHTER]

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Thanks a lot.

**PAUL:** No, we do, as it happens.

**ERIC:** Yeah.

**PAUL:** Well, yeah, thinking of you made me think of that. But we do have it.

**HOWARD** Still, I didn't want to forget it, and now I didn't.

**MCHALE:**

**ERIC:** Thanks for bringing it up.

**PAUL:** Really.

**ERIC:** Once a month we have relationship counseling or group counseling that will focus on how to maintain a relationship, how to make a relationship grow.

**PAUL:** Right.

**ERIC:** For those people who are HIV positive, we'll focus on matters of living with HIV or AIDS, as such.

**HOWARD**            Hmm.

**MCHALE:**

**ERIC:**             Mmm.

**PAUL:**             Mmm.

**SCOTT LEWIS:** What's your phone number?

**ERIC:**             It's 520-MATE, which is 6283.

**PAUL:**             Isn't that cute? I wanted dick, but Southwestern Bell won't give it to you.

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Well, we know who has it.

**ERIC:**             We know who has that--

**PAUL:**             That's what they told us.

**SCOTT LEWIS:** 5261.

**ERIC:**             Yeah.

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Yeah, we know him.

**ERIC:**             We do.

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Bet you do.

**ERIC:**             And you wouldn't want his.

**PAUL:**             No, and it's a 1-800 anyways.

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Oh, it's funny.

**ERIC:**             Is it 800 or 900?

**SCOTT LEWIS:** It's tired is what it is. Have you noticed that anyone else is trying to copy you here in Houston? Or you are the only one on the block [INAUDIBLE].

**ERIC:**             What are you talking about? They're copying us. We just don't do the video part. And we've been more successful.

**PAUL:**             That's right. We have lots of matches.

**ERIC:**             You should see when they get up here to see us.

**PAUL:**             Oh, it's hard to say copy to a Yenta service that's been around since *Fiddler on the Roof*.

**HOWARD**  
**MCHALE:**

**PAUL:**             Geez, give me a break.

**HOWARD MCHALE:** So where do you guys plan to go on? Do you plan an opening-- where do you want your membership to go? How many people?

**ERIC:** And what's the age limit? We didn't talk about that.

**PAUL:** We want it to be that, by the time we're done, you're going to break up and you're going to say, so you broke up. Fuck them. Call introductions.

**ERIC:** Can we say that on tape? Sorry.

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Well, the things that happen on live radio.

**ERIC:** Live radio, I hate it.

**SCOTT LEWIS:** I tell you.

**PAUL:** What's the age?

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Yeah, how young do you go?

**ERIC:** 21. You have to be 21?

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Oh, really? You have to be 21.

**PAUL:** Well, we've had an 18-year-old come in, but I just feel that 21 would be the right age.

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Did you take the 18-year-old?

**PAUL:** Oh, no.

**HOWARD MCHALE:** No? So you make these decisions, huh? Kind of like Randall and beer and wine?

**PAUL:** No, we're catering more to the yuppie generation, I find. And so I would say that the average age is starting in about 25 going right up to the middle 50s with the average being right around 32 mark.

**ERIC:** Our youngest member is 22, and I don't know--

**PAUL:** And he will age there.

[LAUGHTER]

**HOWARD MCHALE:** What did you bring? Did you bring any videos with us to see? Private?

**ERIC:** Yeah, why not?

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Ooh, la, la.

**ERIC:** We'll play a couple in. How does this thing work?

[LAUGHTER]

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Ooh, well, we'll go watch those. While we do, we'll play a song. And remember that through the month of December we're going to be taking names. You can call in 526-573-8526 KPFT every Saturday night between midnight and 3:00 AM.

You can call in and register for a free one-year membership to Introductions. Introductions is by appointment only at 520-MATE. 520-6283. Ooh, I can't wait.

**ERIC:** I can't wait either.

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Can't wait.

**ERIC:** I can't wait to see you on film.

**SCOTT LEWIS:** I just hope you have clothes on this time. So we will be right back after this. Paul, Eric, thanks for coming down.

**ERIC:** Thanks, guys.

**PAUL:** Thanks for having us.

**SCOTT LEWIS:** We'll be right back after this.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

**HOWARD** Hey, we will because you make me feel mighty real.

**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Hey, you make me feel mighty real too.

**HOWARD** You make me feel mighty thin.

**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** You make me feel like I have a full head of hair.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

Oh, I tell you.

**HOWARD** Oh I'll tell you. That video server sounds wonderful, doesn't it?

**MCHALE:**

**ERIC:** Hey, only if you get joined up. I think both of us should join up and just see what happens.

[MUSIC - ANDREW LLOYD WEBER, "TRY NOT TO GET WORRIED"]

**SCOTT LEWIS:** I know what'll happen.

**HOWARD** You'll hook us up with lesbians. Which we forgot to address, and we apologize.

**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Which is our fault, and you know why we didn't, because we're not lesbians.

**HOWARD** That's probably why.

**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** And we forget, which is not intentional. It's just, I guess you get isolated in your own little world and stuff and forget.

**ERIC:** We apologize if we offended anyone because we are equal opportunity employers.

[LAUGHTER]

**SCOTT LEWIS:** We'll hire anyone.

**ERIC:** Please, let's not talk about your prostitute employment service there--

**HOWARD** I'm having a good time tonight. These two guys are wild.

**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Hey, I tell you, crazy. Eric had to slip out.

**HOWARD** He did.

**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Please, I'm sure he does that a lot actually from the looks of him. I tell you.

**HOWARD** Sally's Beauty Supply, they open this late?

**MCHALE:**

[LAUGHTER]

**SCOTT LEWIS:** I tell you. He could. I mean, I've never seen so much hair products in one room since I went to a hair convention.

**HOWARD** But we also have a couple of people in the studio here tonight. Tell them who else we got now.

**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Well, Paul and Casey are here from the service, and Jason, right, Jason? No?

**HOWARD** Jason.

**MCHALE:**

**BOTH:** Chris.

**HOWARD** Chris, how come you didn't write your name down on the piece of paper.

**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Chris, you didn't write your name on the paper, and so I'm just picking names out of the sky. Write Chris on there.

**HOWARD** OK.

**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** I probably was having bad memories because I was married for two years to a guy named Chris. That was a life in hell.

**ERIC:** Chris, you don't look 21, honey.

**SCOTT LEWIS:** I'm having bad flashbacks. Yeah, Chris couldn't join the service. You're not 21, are you? Oh, are you?

**ERIC:** Oh. Prove it.

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Oh, 23. Well, he's the same ages as I am. And you look much younger. I hate his guts. He's same ages as I am, and he looks a lot younger.

**HOWARD** Look, he's got a 22-inch waist. Look at yours, 92.

**MCHALE:**

[LAUGHTER]

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Hey, it was fashionable two years ago. What? My waist and the year were the same thing. It was great! I could get all those special bonus sales at Lane Bryant.

**HOWARD** All those bones they threw out that steak restaurant down the street.

**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** I tell you. You know who's in the house, our favorite guest.

**HOWARD** Our favorite guest.

**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Miss Sharon Stone.

**HOWARD** Miss Sharon Stone.

**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Oh, more glamorous than the movie actress.

**HOWARD** She is wonderful.

**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Talk about a sliver.

**HOWARD** And she's wearing red tonight.

**MCHALE:**

[LAUGHTER]

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Yes, whore red.

**HOWARD** Say hello, Sharon.

**MCHALE:**

**SHARON** Hello out there.  
**STONE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** You're listening to Scott Lewis and Howard, Big Daddy, McHale on KPFT Huston, 90.1 FM *After Hours*, a continuing tradition. As always will begin taking your phone calls at 526-573-8526 KPFT.

As you heard earlier, we are given away--

**HOWARD** Free?  
**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Free-- well, of course Howard, but we do that every week-- a membership to Introductions, which I think is pretty exciting. It's not as exciting as I'd like it to be because they only have three or four Hispanic members. But hey, what the hell? If you're into white meat, there you go.

**ERIC:** Yeah. What's the point?

**SCOTT LEWIS:** The point is, neither one of us are going to get any. We just go, go ahead and pull the four Hispanic tapes. There's our matches. We don't need to fill out the questionnaire.

**ERIC:** --the one question. Do you like Hispanics only? And then, they'll match us right up.

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Are you racist? Yes, we want only Hispanics.

**ERIC:** You know what? We should just start a Hispanic dating service.

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Well, there is one. It's called Glue.

**ERIC:** It's called inner tube [INAUDIBLE]  
  
[LAUGHTER]

**SCOTT LEWIS:** All right, we're on a-- hey, we have a telephone call on the line, and we'll be taking other ones. 526-573-8526 KPFT. If you want to get signed up to register to win that year membership to Introductions absolutely free. I'm a Jew, and that's a price I would pay. 526-5738.

And you could get signed up for a year. We'll be giving that away. What's that January-- the first Saturday of January, not New Year's Eve, which is on a Saturday, but the following. I think it's the seventh we'll be giving that away. So call in now and get registered.

**HOWARD** All month long, every night, even though we're not here, we'll be taking names. Yes.  
**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Yes, we will be taking names.

**HOWARD** We always take names and numbers.  
**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** I tell you. That's right. And we give a list to Santa because we know who's been naughty or nice.  
  
[LAUGHTER]

**HOWARD** Oh, Rudolph.

**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Hey, let's take this phone call.

**HOWARD** OK.

**MCHALE:**

(HUMMING)

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Push all the right buttons. Hey, push that button there, Big Daddy. Caller are you there?

**CALLER:** Yes, I am.

**SCOTT LEWIS:** And who's this?

**CALLER:** My name's Marian.

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Marian, you are on the air. What's shaking tonight?

**CALLER:** Well, I want to get signed up for that free membership.

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Ooh, la, la, Marian. All right, Marian.

**HOWARD** You need a date, honey?

**MCHALE:**

**CALLER:** I do.

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Now, this is serious stuff, Marion. This isn't a date. This is a wife. Are you ready for that kind of commitment?

**CALLER:** I think I'm ready.

**SCOTT LEWIS:** How old are you, Marian?

**CALLER:** 41.

**HOWARD** Yay.

**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Have you been married before?

**CALLER:** Yes.

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Ah, what happened?

**CALLER:** Divorced.

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Really? Was she a jerk?

**CALLER:** Well--

**SCOTT LEWIS:** You can tell us. We're family. We're close. Marion, it's Scott and Howard.

**HOWARD** We're into your bedroom every Saturday night.

**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Every Saturday night, we're right there with you. I wish you'd quit wearing that one green nightie though. I don't like that one. It sticks.

[LAUGHTER]

**CALLER:** If you say so.

**SCOTT LEWIS:** So anyway, rough divorce?

**CALLER:** Oh, I've had more than one.

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Oh, rea-- oh. Kind of like Howard, a woman of the world.

**HOWARD** Thank you. I've divorced in every county in Texas.

**MCHALE:**

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Several times in Dallas County.

**CALLER:** So what can Introductions do for women?

**SCOTT LEWIS:** Paul, good question. Paul, what can Introductions do for women? Let me turn you on. Ooh, Paul, let me turn you on.

**PAUL:** Oh, that sounds great.

**SCOTT LEWIS:** OK, there you are.

**PAUL:** Basically, women has kind of been the hardest deal that we've had to try to get over. And that's getting women to come in and sign up. A lot of women have called in, and of course, their response is, well, I'll wait until you get 20 or 30 signed up, and then I'll join. And we're wishing that more would join, and then we could reach that 20 or 30 point to have more lesbians so that we could pool together.

But it would be a great service, especially if you've gone through a lot of misfortunes in the past in a relationship. Of course, it's going to do a proper screening through computer compatibility matching and a video presentation. And the extracurricular activities that we offer as far as group outings and stuff, it'd be a great deal for you.

**HOWARD** Paul, how come women aren't getting involved, do you think? They're afraid? Or are they just more cautious?

**MCHALE:**

**PAUL:** I think they're more cautious. A couple have called, and they find the price to be a little bit high.

**CALLER:** [INAUDIBLE]

**PAUL:** And that could very well be, but what they get if you added everything up, the price is really good compared to the other services in Dallas and New York, San Francisco, or any place across the country.