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**MAN:** Oh, frank.

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Oh, yes, you've tuned in to After Hours queer radio with attitude right here on KPFT Houston 90.1 FM. The crew of After Hours is ready to bring you news, interviews, dialogue, and music geared for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered people and their friends. Here at After Hours, we may be diverse, but we have one thing in common, we are all 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 know 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.

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**JIMMY CARPER:** Hello, Houston and College Station. And welcome to After Hours queer radio with attitude. I'm Jimmy Carper. I'll be the producer and host for this evening. Hi.

**MAN:** Hi.

**JIMMY CARPER:** How are you doing?

**MAN:** OK. Similar weekends.

**JIMMY CARPER:** OK. We had an interesting show tonight because it's not what you're expecting. GiGi from Bi-Net can't make it tonight. So we have got some of the regulars that hang out here at the show. And we've got a lot of things that we've always wanted to talk about and maybe we didn't get a chance to do.

But first before we get there, I want to tell you about the music that you heard right in the beginning because it's from a new CD called *Being Out Rocks*. And it was a compilation CD put together by the Human Rights Campaign, especially for Coming Out Day this year. It's got 21 cuts on it by mostly queer artists. Well, just about all queer artists.

And what you heard was-- the first song was, of course, *First Time Ever I Saw your Face*. But it was a version done by Sam Harris. And the second one was Sonia. And it's one that I've played before by her from one of her CDs. The cut is called *Me Too*. Great, great song about her dad and Vietnam.

So let's see. First of all, I want to talk about some things. I just want to say hello to my MVPs out there, especially that green eyed devil. And just got your letter. It's being opened. And somebody else has been reading it right now. I haven't had a chance.

And let's see. I want to say hi to Roy. I want to say hi especially to Paul. Paul is the most prolific writer to After Hours. He sends us letters and stuff and articles and all kinds of deals. Oh, the other ones, Wilson and Randy and-- oh, gosh. I'm going to be-- Junior. Yes, Junior. How could I forget Junior?

Because he's about ready to get out. And he's going to be down here. And I'm going to put him on the air. Oh, let's see. Some of the things happening in the community. First of all, I want to announce, and I'm the first media to announce this, the Royal Sovereign and Imperial Court of the Single Star they're coming out for their aspirants to the emperor and empress 00 of 2003 from tonight on--

These people will be putting on fundraisers and looking for your vote. Because the emperor and empress of the Royal Sovereign Imperial Court of Single Star is chosen by the community in a vote that takes place in January. So your aspirants tonight for empress is [? Sofanda ?] [? St. ?] John and [? Cheyenne. ?] Both of those names you should be familiar with because I've talked about both of those folks doing fundraisers right here on the air.

And for emperor, we've got Dennis [? de ?] [? Vil ?] and Ronnie [? Siebert. ?] So this is going to be kind of interesting. I talked with Bob [? Bouton. ?] And he's going to arrange to have all four of them come on the show probably in January.

And we'll get to talk to them. And you'll get to know them and be able to make your choice and your vote. And, of course, it's very important because this is an organization that does a lot of fundraising in the community.

And speaking of that, coming up on Tuesday, November the 12th at Decades, the Court is having bingo for a cause. And let me tell you. It's a lot of fun. It's not your little old lady bingo because it's in a bar. And there's little munchies there. I think it's hot dog night over there.

And then you do five games of *Bingo*. And, of course, it's all for charity. And the prizes are really nice. Each prize is worth much more than \$25. And the last game was a 50/50. So that is Tuesday, November 12, Decades, 1205 Richmond.

And the coming out cotillion for ICOH, this is the Imperial Court of Houston, is going to be Sunday. Sunday, Sunday, Sunday, November 3. Now, that's today right here in Houston at 1415 California. That's the restaurant formerly known as Sonoma. That's right over there by the barn by chances it's right around the corner there.

The doors open at 5:00. There's dancing and the light buffet at 6:00, and crowning investitures at 7:00, and a show at 8:00. So that's going to be a whole lot of fun that's coming to you from his [? Asian one, this ?] emperor first, [? Sean ?] Carter. And let's see what else is going on.

Conversations at the CFA. And the CFA is the Center for AIDS. On Tuesday, November 5, this Tuesday at 5:30, they're going to have a talk about the new fusion inhibitors. That's the next step in HIV treatment. These are the brand new type of drugs that is going to-- is in trials right now.

And let's see. That's November 5 at the Center for AIDS, which is 1407 Hawthorne. And Rich [? Erenshield, ?] who's been on the show before, hopes that you'll be there. And yeah, I think I can do that. OK.

Let's not forget other things coming up. What have we got? Mary's, Naturally on November the 15th, we've got-- the Pegasus Productions proudly announces Texas leather man, Texas leather woman, and Texas leather boy 2003 contests. That's November 15, 7:00 PM and Saturday November the 16th. The contest will be held at 7:00 PM at Mary's, Naturally. Give me a drink of Coke here.

Yes, the Colt.45s is-- the Colt.45s is having their fall harvest on Saturday, November the 17th at the BRB, Brazos River Bottom. And that will benefit the Colt.45s charity programs. I'll be talking about that-- more about that next week.

And, of course, don't forget about Veterans Day, November the 11th. The service members Legal Defense Network is proud to partner with the Human Rights Campaign and the American veterans for Equal Rights in recognizing the contributions of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender veterans through our joint project, documenting courage, veterans speak out. You can share your story at [www.hrc.org/documentingcourage/sharestory.asp](http://www.hrc.org/documentingcourage/sharestory.asp).

Let's see. OK, let's get to some other things here. Before we start with After Hours regulars, I want to play a little song because it is [? Katie ?] Lang's birthday today. Uhh. Uhh. Come on, let's hear-- uhh.

**MAN:** How old is she?

**JIMMY CARPER:** Older than your mother.

**MAN:** Oh.

**MAN:** No way-- no, you don't know [INAUDIBLE].

**MAN:** Everyone's older than my mother.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Ouch, I'm not. OK. Just a moment. 14, she's 40-- she's 41.

**MAN:** She's 14? You said she was 14.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

**JIMMY CARPER:** Chris came in, and he's holding up one finger. Then he holds up four fingers, then one finger, then four fingers, one finger and--

**MAN:** Well, yeah.

**MAN:** Well, haven't you tried to figure someone out in a disco room there? I mean--

**JIMMY CARPER:** Whatever. Anyway, this is a song that lesbians-- I mean, when she was here, she sang this song. And a lesbian friend of mine said there wasn't a dry seat in the house.

**MAN:** Oh, my God.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Yes, she said that. And she said it on the air. This is from her album *Ingénue*. It's called *Wash Me Clean*. And you're listening to it on After Hours queer radio with attitude on KPFT Houston and KEOS College Station.

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Beautiful, beautiful music by K.D Lang. And I remember when that first came out, people were looking at each other and going, what? Because she was known as a C and W, country and western singer. And this is just not that at all.

But there's a lot of very, very good pieces of music on that album *Ingénue*. What I wanted to do now that Big Roy is here. And he's going to be answering the phones. The first two songs that I played tonight that-- *First Time I Ever Saw Your Face* by Sam Harris and Sonia with *Me Too*. And that's from the *Being Out Rocks* CD put out by Human Rights Campaign for the Coming Out Day, which was, of course, October the 11th.

But there's 21 cuts on here with music from Sarah McLachlan, K.D Lang, Cyndi Lauper, Rufus Wainwright, "Ani" DiFranco, Janis Ian, Suede, Catie Curtis, The B-52's, Bob Mould, Queen, Cris Williamson, Dar Williams, Matt Zarley, which I played his cut last week, The Butchies, Jade Esteban Estrada, which I-- and he-- that cat I've played a lot-- Bella Morena, Taylor Dayne, Kevin [? Aviance, ?] and Harvey Fierstein. I have an extra copy of this. And I am willing to give it to the fifth caller at 713-526-5738, 713-526-5738. Fifth caller and--

**MAN:** [INAUDIBLE].

**JIMMY CARPER:** No, go ahead. Anybody can call. Fifth caller gets it.

**MAN:** [INAUDIBLE] two.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Fifth caller gets it. OK.

**MAN:** One more.

**MAN:** Call your [INAUDIBLE]--

**MAN:** Caller five. There we go.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Caller five is already there, huh?

**MAN:** Gosh. Darn it. I wanted it so bad.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Ouch, I didn't know that.

**MAN:** You'll get it later.

**MAN:** Yeah, I will.

**JIMMY CARPER:** What about the CD?

**MAN:** It has The Butchies on there. And they're such a good band. I've heard their songs. They are--

**JIMMY CARPER:** Really? Yeah, it has The Butchies on there. Looks like *ihate.com*.

**MAN:** Really?

**JIMMY CARPER:** Yeah.

**MAN:** I've never checked out their website.

**JIMMY CARPER:** No, that's the song.

**MAN:** Oh, that's the song? That's great.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Isn't it?

**MAN:** Yeah, I need to get that.

**JIMMY CARPER:** OK. Oh, well, let's see here. Now, [? Stephen. ?]

**MAN:** Yes.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Let's see. Who do we have in the house here? We've got [? Stephen. ?]

**MAN:** Hi.

**JIMMY CARPER:** And we've got--

**MAN:** [? Lee. ?]

**JIMMY CARPER:** [? --Lee. ?] And we've got--

**MAN:** David.

**JIMMY CARPER:** --David.

**MAN:** And Paul doing a wonderful back massage.

**JIMMY CARPER:** OK. Big Roy is here. Chris is here. I wanted [? Steven ?] to talk about goings on with PFLAG this weekend because it's a very special weekend.

**MAN:** Yes, he is. The meeting is tomorrow at 2:00 PM at--

**JIMMY CARPER:** Christ Church Cathedral.

**MAN:** --Christ Church. I never can't remember that church. Christ Church Cathedral in San Jacinto [INAUDIBLE]. We have gotten Mel White to come.

**MAN:** Yes.

**MAN:** Turn it down.

**MAN:** Just his, yeah.

**MAN:** Oh.

**MAN:** Now, which one are you, huh? There we go.

**JIMMY CARPER:** OK.

**MAN:** OK, no [? daddy. ?] OK. Oh, well.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Mel White is here. And [INAUDIBLE].

**MAN:** Mel White is coming. We've paid a lot of money to get him here along with many other churches. And people are having him come to talk to them too as well. And he's coming to do a hour and a half talk with about the way he perceives the Bible on homosexuality. And it's supposed to be a wonderful presentation.

He wrote *Stranger at the Gate*. It's a wonderful book you can get it at Lobo's and Amazon.com. I mean, it's a really good book. And I just--

**JIMMY CARPER:** The background on him is that he was a speechwriter for Jerry Falwell.

**MAN:** Yes.

**JIMMY CARPER:** And very big in his campaign.

**MAN:** Yes.

**JIMMY CARPER:** And then finally came out of the closet and realized that he was gay and that it was not a bad thing.

**MAN:** Right.

**JIMMY CARPER:** He is a minister now.

**MAN:** And was married.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Was married?

**MAN:** Yes.

**JIMMY CARPER:** I didn't know that.

**MAN:** Yes, and she is very supportive of him.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Oh.

**MAN:** Yes, and he talks two or three chapters about the life with her and how she is supportive with him now in his going and teachings and speeches. And every once in a while, she'll come with him, but I don't believe she's coming this trip around.

**MAN:** OK.

**MAN:** But actually he's probably in-- had daddy's listening so--

**JIMMY CARPER:** Probably not at this hour.

**MAN:** No.

**JIMMY CARPER:** No.

**MAN:** But he also here recently-- my mother-- there was a big newspaper article. He moved into the house. He and his partner, now partner, moved into the house directly across the street from Jerry Falwell. And he has made--

**MAN:** From the church?

**MAN:** Yeah. From the church.

**MAN:** From the church, yes.

**MAN:** And has made a protest saying that he is going to be the first to change Jerry Falwell. So this is going to be interesting.

**MAN:** Yes, it is. It's going to be--

**MAN:** A very--

**MAN:** --very interesting.

**MAN:** Yes, so this speech is going to be great tomorrow. Come one, come all 2 o'clock to 4:00 at Christ Church Cathedral on San Jacinto in downtown Houston.

**JIMMY CARPER:** His sermon topic is on being liberal in the conservative world. And let's see. No, that's at that-- I'm sorry. That's what his sermon is going to be earlier at the universe-- the

**MAN:** Universalist.

**JIMMY CARPER:** --the Unitarian Universalist church.

**MAN:** There you go.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Yeah, he's saying mass or saying whatever he--

**MAN:** Right.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Speech mass at 9:30 and 11:30 services and 3 o'clock. PFLAG it's 7 o'clock. He's going to be at the Community Gospel Church.

**MAN:** Oh, my goodness.

**JIMMY CARPER:** --4305 Lillian. That's off Washington between Yale and Shepard. And on Monday, November 4 at 11:30 AM, he's going to be attending a clergy laity luncheon at the new Houston area Interfaith Alliance for inclusiveness at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 5501 South Main at Calumet. There's a modest church for the luncheon. And his presentation there will be prophets, martyrs, and saints.

**MAN:** Oh, my.

**JIMMY CARPER:** The role of clergy as prophet, yes. And Monday night--

**MAN:** Oh, my gosh.

**JIMMY CARPER:** --at 6:00 PM--

**MAN:** Is he going to have time to sleep?

**JIMMY CARPER:** I don't know. Mel White addresses the Greater Houston GLBT Chamber of Commerce at Bering United Methodist Church at 1440 Herald at Mulberry. All are invited. And there is a cost for the dinner. Gosh, I mean--

**MAN:** Well, if you can find time to meet him at PFLAG, you can pick one or the other many times he's talking.

**JIMMY CARPER:** No kidding. Houston's getting their money's worth out of--

**MAN:** Oh, you're are not kidding.

**JIMMY CARPER:** --this one with Mel. But he is very inspirational.

**MAN:** Yes.

**JIMMY CARPER:** He's been through it all. He's been on the other side. He knows how it works. And that's why I think he's very, very strong about getting Falwell too.

**MAN:** Right.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Yeah.

**MAN:** And he knows the avenues that he's going to have to go through to get Falwell.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Yes.

**MAN:** Which is the good thing.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Yes. No kidding. We have a winner for that CD. It's [? Susanna. ?] And I'll be sending that out this week. Probably not Monday. But, hey, you know-- like the DVD--

**MAN:** And [? Lee ?] would like a copy of that--

**MAN:** Oh yeah, I would.

**JIMMY CARPER:** The DVD that I gave out last week I finally sent on Friday. So--

**MAN:** Well--

**JIMMY CARPER:** That's how I am.

**MAN:** I still haven't seen it. It's been right in the back of my truck.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Oh, wow.

**MAN:** And you know what. With a VCR and a DVD player, I could see it driving down the road, but I still have it.

**MAN:** We're too busy shaving.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Oh.

**MAN:** Shut up.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Shaving?

**MAN:** Yeah, I was late to my greater Houston restaurant meeting today and shaving driving down the road.

**MAN:** Oh, your face?

**MAN:** Yes. Oh, no.

**MAN:** Oh, God. Come on.

**MAN:** [? F- ?] 350 day spa.

**MAN:** Hey, at 1:35 I've got to-- you know.

**MAN:** Well, we have watched porn in the truck so [INAUDIBLE].

**MAN:** Yeah.

**MAN:** Pull that whack strip so you go [IMITATING SCREECH] across three lanes of traffic.

**JIMMY CARPER:** What's interesting is that the three of you are kind of the youngest After Hours--

**MAN:** Groupies.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Yeah.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

**MAN:** (HIGH-PITCHED VOICE) I've got to see the other guy.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Oops. And I was just going to say the most serious.

**MAN:** At times.

**MAN:** How does that make you feel?

**JIMMY CARPER:** Yes. I mean, because last week with the HATCH group, [? Lee ?] was valiantly trying to stay serious on topic.

**MAN:** Oh, God. Sounds hard.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Sometimes [? Lee ?] is the only one trying to stay serious.

**MAN:** It's so hard.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Especially with that group. I love each one of them dearly but wow. They can't get off--

**MAN:** Sounds great.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Yeah, I was listening to the tape today [INAUDIBLE].

**MAN:** I want a copy of that tape.

**JIMMY CARPER:** OK, I can do that. [INAUDIBLE].

**MAN:** Thank you so much, yeah.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Now, let's get serious for a little while here because David has a problem that he's put out to the community. And he probably hasn't liked the answers he's received.

**DAVID:** No, I mean, I've liked-- I mean, I haven't read them all completely, but there's pretty much what I was thinking already.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Yeah.

**[? MAN:** ?] I haven't heard it, though.

**DAVID:** I emailed [? Handnet, ?] Houston Activist Network asking Jimmy and Judy and Ray their advice and everything because I figured they would know.

**MAN:** Right. Well, you told me that. And I haven't heard responses but our listeners are probably wondering what--

**JIMMY CARPER:** Mine was a short one. But I knew Judy would go into big detail because I knew-- when you told me the problem, I knew that she had been through it.

**MAN:** Yeah.

**DAVID:** The problem was this guy that I'm friends with, but I'm interested, and he's interested. It's one of those-- there's a distance and we know.

**MAN:** He doesn't live in Houston?

**DAVID:** No, he lives in Corpus, and he's-- everyone is constantly teasing me like, oh, you want to have sex with him. It's like, no.

**MAN:** He's hot.

**DAVID:** No, it's like the one-- one of the reasons, one of the main reasons why he likes me is because I'm brutally honest, and I'm not a hoe.

**JIMMY CARPER:** OK.

**DAVID:** Yeah, so--

**MAN:** I always get [? things. ?]

**DAVID:** And he's like sexually very inexperienced and everything, and he wants to keep it that way. And I was like-- I see him as a really good person. I want to-- and if--

**JIMMY CARPER:** How old is he?

**DAVID:** 17 and a half.

**JIMMY CARPER:** OK.

**DAVID:** And I just turned 20. So that's one thing I'm like, meh.

**JIMMY CARPER:** He's legal.

**DAVID:** Yeah, but it's still--

**MAN:** Yeah, he's legal in the same--

**DAVID:** --for me, it's still-- I mean, he's five months younger than my sister and everything. But he acts more mature than so many people.

**MAN:** There he does.

**DAVID:** He has two jobs, goes to school, deals with psycho parents.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Big time.

**DAVID:** All kinds of stuff as opposed to 26-year-old Montrose boys that go clubbing every night.

**JIMMY CARPER:** And that's part of the problem.

**DAVID:** Yeah, his dad has pretty much always been the alcoholic abusive type and everything. I mean, it was just the other day that my friend was telling me about the story of when his dad was driving drunk and he wanted to tell his dad to stop. And his dad just reached back in the back of the truck and like broke his nose. I was like, oh. His mom is very-- I mean--

**JIMMY CARPER:** His mom and dad married?

**MAN:** They're divorced.

**JIMMY CARPER:** OK.

**DAVID:** But the thing is his dad is still in love with his mom. So what mom says, ex-husband does.

**JIMMY CARPER:** OK.

**DAVID:** So I mean that's one thing. His mom is more controlling, but his dad's a little more violent. His mom lives in Dallas. His dad lives in Corpus. That's where he lives with. And it's one of those-- he doesn't want help.

He wants to just wait it out until he's 18 or stuff. But it's last weekend, all I did was-- [? Steven ?] wasn't [? thinking. ?] I mean, I'll pick him up. We'd hang out for an hour.

**MAN:** You picked him up? I was there with you. We met at a coffee shop.

**MAN:** Yeah.

**MAN:** How gay.

**DAVID:** I've known him for a few months and everything. We talk on the phone a lot. And since then, we've talked probably 4 to 5 Hours every night for the past week and everything. And I visited him down in Corpus today-- no, yesterday. Today?

**MAN:** Yesterday.

**DAVID:** No, I left today because his dad found out that I was in town and everything. So it was just like, I want you-- what he said to his-- what he said to the son was just like, I want him and you away from my family. So it was one of those-- his family sometimes threatens to kick him out and everything.

And it's a real possibility that they could at any moment. When he came out to his mom, his mom called up the cops and lied that said that she was beaten by him even though there was no physical evidence whatsoever. He's like, oh, my son's abusing me. Like, that happened twice, so he has like an arrest record for that.

**MAN:** Oh my God.

**DAVID:** And he ran away because she would beat him, and she would call the cops and say he was a runaway. So they would go to his school to arrest him for a runaway charge. How many people do run away and go to school in the next day and everything?

**MAN:** That makes no sense.

**DAVID:** Yeah, I mean she's-- it's one of those-- I think, he's kind of like the family punching bag and everything. They give him things just so they can take it away whenever they want.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Do they know he's gay?

**DAVID:** Yeah, I mean most of-- it's gotten worse since he came out. I mean, he's never had problems with himself. He's like, OK, I like boys. His family history is also interesting because his family is combined of half ranchers and the other side is from like shrimp fishers and everything.

And the shrimp fishers got into shrimping because-- and, yeah-- in like late 1940s, his family from Nazi Germany decided that they didn't want to be prosecuted for war crimes when they were Nazis. So they came to America to go in a business where they would be found out.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Whoa.

**DAVID:** Yeah.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Some background that guy has.

**MAN:** Uh-huh.

**WOMAN:** [INAUDIBLE].

**DAVID:** So--

**JIMMY CARPER:** We need to close that door.

**DAVID:** --it's an interesting predicament. The strong personality and incredibly determined and a hard worker. I mean, he told me last week. He's like, I want you to-- if I didn't think it was the worst decision I would ever make in my life, I would ask you to take me to Houston because-- I mean, he will have anxiety attacks about what his parents are going to do to him--

**[? MAN:** ?] Sure.

**DAVID:** --and everything. And comes close to fainting because he doesn't know what his parents are going to do. His mom tried to attack me in my Jeep. But I had the doors locked and everything. She tried to open it up. And she like tried to break the glass, kept hitting it and hitting and hitting it because she was drunk, I assume.

Billy says she was just screaming profanities at me, but I was just watching her hands and looking at her face and everything trying to make sure she wasn't going to try anything. She ended-- like her current husband, [Billy's-- sorry. My friend stepdad kicked my Jeep as I was just driving away. So I just-- My dad's Jeep has like a little scuff on it. Looks like it took a lot of force from some drunk guy that was angry. So--

**JIMMY CARPER:** My God.

**DAVID:** And it's that's why I figured it was just-- I got home and over the week Billy was [INAUDIBLE]. My friend was really scared that he was going to get flown back to Corpus from Dallas. And his mom was going to call his dad and tell him what happened. And Billy was going to get the crap kicked out of him and stuff but nothing happened. We weren't sure if it was--

It sounds like now mom told dad, but dad doesn't care. Dad's drunk lethargic, no involvement whatsoever. I mean, they don't even-- when they cook family dinner, they don't leave any for him. He has to use a lot of his money just to buy food for himself.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Oh my God. What is-- do they have any other children?

**DAVID:** Yeah, it's like his mom has four other kids. He has two other biological brothers, complete full brothers that his mom has.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Yes.

**DAVID:** But he's like--

**JIMMY CARPER:** Do they live with him?

**DAVID:** No, they live with his mom. He's like was sent off to dad and everything.

**JIMMY CARPER:** So how are they treated?

**DAVID:** They're not gay. And they're five-- two years younger and eight years younger. And they have different personality types. They're like, whatever. And that's with mom's new life with mom's new husband. But he's the one that's kind of like the black sheep of the family, although, they're all really black sheeps.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Yeah. And I don't know. What you have been told is that there's really not a whole lot you can do because he's got to be the one to take the first step. And that's in any abuse case. Now, because he is 17 and a half, he's legal, so it's not like you can call Child Protective Services.

And so you're between a rock and a hard place here because he does not want to leave his situation for whatever reason. So because he's 17 he's legal in that aspect. But he can leave home. And his parents can still call--

**MAN:** That I don't understand.

**MAN:** I don't either.

**JIMMY CARPER:** And because that's not until he's 18--

**DAVID:** I think that was like--

**JIMMY CARPER:** He's an adult and then he can actually leave. They don't have any pull on where he goes.

**DAVID:** I think the thing when he was like got arrested and everything that was like a year ago. But--

**JIMMY CARPER:** Oh, I see.

**DAVID:** --he hasn't completed high school yet because he's doing that through correspondence because he has two jobs and everything. His mom is--

**JIMMY CARPER:** So he doesn't go to-- he doesn't go to school?

**DAVID:** He just gets everything in the mail and does-- he's constantly doing something because it doesn't have time for friends. He was moved around so much by his parents that-- and because of the classical relationship problems with your parents causing future relationship problems, and the mom just exerting so much control, taking away any avenue of help or anything. So it's like if he just-- I mean, I guess, the school situation, the truancy or whatever if he leaves, then he can--

**JIMMY CARPER:** OK, so I'm confused about the school thing because you said he went to school. But I mean--

**DAVID:** I think that's when he back-- when he lived in Dallas.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Oh.

**DAVID:** Yeah.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Oh, OK.

**DAVID:** That's with mom.

**JIMMY CARPER:** OK.

**DAVID:** Now, he's in Corpus.

**JIMMY CARPER:** And he's doing correspondence?

**DAVID:** Yeah. I mean, he has a good job. And he just does the high school thing. And--

**JIMMY CARPER:** Is he like a senior or?

**DAVID:** Yeah, yeah. That's--

**JIMMY CARPER:** Well, if it's correspondence, he could do that anywhere.

**DAVID:** Yeah, I mean, I know. It's just he doesn't want to impose on anybody by living with them. And he doesn't know about his job. He's pretty sure his parents are going to like-- his-- because of what he wants to do and what he's in.

His mom is also in the same line of business except a little bit higher up and a little bit more known. And so with his last name, they know who his mother is. So if he goes anywhere and-- she can-- that's where he is.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Yeah.

**DAVID:** So he wants to change his last name. I mean, his plan is just 18 I'm gone. Pack up everything I can carry and just leave and never look back.

**JIMMY CARPER:** So he wants to wait till 18?

**DAVID:** He's concerned that his parents will try to sue him for anything they bought him or stuff like that. And he knows like the whole gift thing. But it's misconceptions. And also I think it's fear of your parents. He's scared of what these people are going to do. It's the only thing he's ever known.

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**DAVID:** I can't remember the movie, but it was-- it's like even a dog that's been beat all its life will feel like it's loved because it's never done something else. It won't run away because it doesn't know where to go.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Yes. Yes, has this been his whole life or just recently or? Just since he's come out or?

**DAVID:** Oh, well, since he's come out, he's--

**JIMMY CARPER:** It's gotten more--

**DAVID:** It's been much more of a problem but always had the fights with the parents and everything. Since he's come out, it's been, my son's not gay. My son [INAUDIBLE].

**JIMMY CARPER:** Can you tell me like what Judy has asked. What Judy's response has been to you.

**DAVID:** Judy's email was really, really big.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Yeah.

**DAVID:** So, I mean, I was just like I was going to read it all.

**[? MAN:** ?] I can't remember.

**DAVID:** Ray's was short, so I read that one.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Yeah.

**DAVID:** But Judy's I was going to get to since she wrote me too.

**JIMMY CARPER:** It's--

**DAVID:** I'm sorry, Judy, for not--

**JIMMY CARPER:** Oh, and I didn't-- I was going to-- I should have printed it out and bring it, but I didn't. I didn't know that you were going to be here.