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JIMMY CARPER: 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 transgender 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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Hello, Houston and College Station and Huntsville. And welcome to *After Hours*, queer radio with attitude. I'm Jimmy Carper, and this is the March 24th edition-- yes, it is-- 2001. Before we get into tonight's festivities-- and we do have a packed show as always-- first half being HATCH, Houston Area Teen Coalition of Homosexuals, the second half being the Leatherline with Creath Robinson.

And Jim Songrini is going to be here, kind of handing over the reins as it were. We're having a little change in hosts there. A couple of things I want to touch on before we get into the opening music for HATCH is that tomorrow-- actually, tonight, it already occurred. And tomorrow at 3:00 PM is the concert for the Gay Men's Chorus of Houston. Yes, indeed.

And of course, I don't have that right in front of me. It's "All That Jazz." It's occurring tomorrow at 3:00 PM at the Resurrection MCC church, 2025 West 11th. That's West 11th at TC Jester. Tickets are nominal. Oh, it's also starring the spectacular Rob Landes Trio.

"All That Jazz," there's going to be all kinds of great music there from movies and Broadway shows and a little on the jazz side. You'll enjoy that. And I'll see you there tomorrow afternoon at 3:00. Let's see here. Also some other things going on that we can talk about later.

And what we'll be also talking about later-- and I'm just going to touch on right now. I'm just going to say one little sentence-- and we'll be talking about it later-- is that all our sadness is out there tonight for the passing of a great man Pete Martinez, Mr. NAMES Project.

And with that going on, on the other side of the coin, there was much festivities with the transgender community tonight because it was the Unity Banquet. This is a wonderful time for not only all of the different transgender groups across the city and surrounding area to get together, to celebrate, and give awards and show off but for all gays, lesbians, and bisexuals and heterosexual friends who joined them.

And I was there. It was a wonderful evening. And in the words of Ray Hill, he got the big coin award tonight, which was Lifetime Achievement for his role in the transgender community and the Apogee Award, another one of the big ones, went to long-time activist and Ms. Transgender Rights of Houston, Phyllis Frye.

There are many other awards given and to very deserving people. And of course, I left all my notes with Judy Reeves, who attended with me as we were representatives of ourselves, mainly, but also keeping in mind that everything is history. And so with the Gulf Coast Archives and Museums. She took all the notes home with her. Oh, well. [LAUGHS]

We'll be talking about that later. And now, for some song for a piece of music to introduce the HATCH group, and as a matter of fact, talk with Kevin. Kevin Davidson was there tonight at the transgender, at the Unity Banquet, taking pictures. And he also put in a great word for HATCH.

And this is some favorite music from HATCH by Sean Wiggins. And I'm looking at the CD right here. And it's autographed by Sean to Gabrielle. This is number seven called "Destiny's Calling." I think that's a great song. And when we come back, HATCH will be with us right here on *After Hours* on KPFT Houston and KEOS College Station.

MAN: Burp.

WOMAN: Oh, you can be safe from a trouble impaired.

MAN: Yeah, we're on now, y'all.

[LAUGHTER]

MAN: We're so on.

WOMAN: Tommy, you're going to have to talk loud because we can't hear anything.

MAN: We can't hear because the things are messed up.

MAN: Is there a reason those are messed up, Jimmy, Guy? Fix them or something.

MAN: I don't know.

MAN: OK. Can y'all hear me?

MAN: Yes.

WOMAN: Yes.

MAN: OK.

MAN: I certainly heard that out in radio right now.

MAN: Yes, we can.

WOMAN: I think everyone heard you.

MAN: OK.

MAN: Connecticut heard you.

[LAUGHTER]

MAN: All right. Welcome to the HATCH segment. Yay. Every fourth Saturday night, yeah. HATCH stands for Houston Area Teen Coalition of Homosexuals. We meet every Friday nights and every Sunday nights. Age limits are 13 to 20. We meet from 7:00 to 10:00 on Fridays, 6:00 to 9:00 on Sundays. The number would be 713-942-7002.

And if you'd like to call in here, it's 713-JAM-KPFT. And the numbers are up there again right? 713-526-5738, correct? I'm Tommy, as always. We've got a lot of people here today, like a lot. A lot of facilitator people, too. All right. So I guess we'll do like--

WOMAN: You don't trust us anymore.

TOMMY: Yeah. I guess we'll do--

WOMAN: There's got to be enough to take us all down if something goes wrong.

WOMAN: We just can't stay away. We have to be with y'all.

MAN: Right.

WOMAN: Right.

MAN: Yeah. That's the general consensus of that one. Right.

MAN: All right. So let's do roll call. Say your name. A little something, what you like.

LIZ: I'm Liz. OK.

MAN: She's the coolest person in the world, y'all. We love Liz. OK. Go, somebody.

TARA: I'm Tara not Teh-ra.

RYAN: I'm Ryan. Hi.

LUANNE: I'm Luanne, huray.

MAN: This is the older version--

LUANNE: Yes, the older version.

MAN: --as opposed to last month when we had the younger version.

JUSTIN: I'm Justin.

MAN: That's Justin number two.

JUSTIN: Justin number two.

MAN: That's Justin without--

WOMAN: Little Justin, Justin number two.

MAN: That's Justin without the little extra mm-hmm.

[LAUGHTER]

MAN: Yeah, I don't know what mm-hmm is.

GABRIELLE: I'm Gabrielle, one of the facilitators.

SPARKLES: I'm Sparkles.

MAN: That's Justin number one.

MAN: What about you? All quiet in the corner and stuff.

MAN: Share the mic.

BRENDAN: I'm Brendan. I'm also one of the facilitators.

MAN: He's like Xena Man.

MAN: Xena rules!

MAN: Wrong.

WOMAN: Oh.

[LAUGHTER]

WOMAN: Get out!

MAN: Out of our booth.

WOMAN: You've been banned from the booth of good taste.

MAN: Remember that that's the retard side.

WOMAN: You know what? You want to go about Madonna again?

GABRIELLE: Hey Brendan, if you're Xena, can I be your sidekick since I'm Gabrielle?

BRENDAN: Yeah, you can be my Gabrielle. No problem.

MAN: You're from Houston, did you know that that Gabrielle lady was from Houston?

GABRIELLE: Really?

MAN: Mm-hmm. She's from somewhere.

[LAUGHTER]

GABRIELLE: Houston?

WOMAN: Mm-hmm.

MAN: All we know is she's from Houston. I actually think she's from like the Katy region.

GABRIELLE: Oh, cool.

MAN: But both famous Rene's are from Katy.

MAN: Why are we talking about Xena?

MAN: It just went that way, OK? Come on. Don't be hating me.

[LAUGHTER]

WOMAN: Well, what are we supposed to talk about?

MAN: What is somebody doing zipping up something?

[LAUGHTER]

MAN: That was all over the radio.

MAN: So we almost got on topic. And then Tommy take us off topic again.

MAN: Good job, Tommy.

MAN: Yeah. Quick announcements. Me and the Luanne went to HRC dinner.

MAN: Luanne and I.

MAN: Yeah. Leave my grammar alone. We speak good English. All right. Luanne, do you have any comments about the HRC dinner?

LUANNE: It was very spiffy.

MAN: Did you enjoy it?

LUANNE: Yes.

MAN: I enjoyed it, too. The HEY program did our first thing, right? What was it called? We did it at--

MAN: Presentation?

MAN: Yeah.

[LAUGHTER]

MAN: Well, what's HEY? They don't know what HEY is.

MAN: HEY stands for HIV Education for Youth. Me, Justin, Luanne is starting it. And why must you insist on doing that every month? And Brian--

TARA: It's a monthly problem, sorry.

[LAUGHTER]

MAN: Nice. That's hard as one joke for the evening.

BRENDAN: Daily problem with you, Tara.

MAN: Yeah. Oh.

MAN: It's Tara.

MAN: This is on.

TARA: You know what, Brendan, let's go.

[LAUGHTER]

MAN: We did our first presentation at what school?

WOMAN: West Side High.

MAN: West Side High. It was fun. We did four of them right in a row. We got crazy with the Cheez Whiz.

WOMAN: [CHUCKLING]

MAN: Yes, as it says on my card and in the yearbook and stuff. All right. So I tried hard to come up with the topic, but I didn't come about thinking of one until last Thursday. But what spurred tonight's topic is the repeal of the sodomy law.

WOMAN: Cool.

MAN: Yeah. Oh, no, boo, boo.

[LAUGHTER]

WOMAN: OK. You know what? Out.

MAN: I'm sorry. I got a little confused. I was like got caught up in the moment.

[LAUGHTER]

MAN: He heard Sodomy and got all excited.

[LAUGHTER]

MAN: My bad.

MAN: See, and I was thinking, yo, how can we make a whole show devoted to the sodomy law? And I was like well, I think Candace got--

WOMAN: Live demonstration?

[LAUGHTER]

MAN: This isn't how it's done.

WOMAN: This is what is illegal. This is what's not.

[LAUGHTER]

MAN: So Candace got kind of in trouble for talking about bud side. I don't think sodomy is going to do very well in this whole topic area either. So I figured we'll just change the subject to the government's attitude towards gay or the government's overall homophobia. So we need to applaud Tommy's efforts for finally coming up with the topic.

[APPLAUSE, CHEERING]

TOMMY: Yes, thank you. I tried really hard.

MAN: Yeah, I bet you did. Yeah.

TOMMY: How does that work? Which I have a new job. Yay.

WOMAN: Yay.

TOMMY: I work at performing arts supply now. And I'm working at a costume shop. I'm not working with dental supplies.

[LAUGHTER]

WOMAN: I have a new job, too.

MAN: Oh, really?

WOMAN: Uh-huh. I teach French at NASA at night.

MAN: Ooh, you actually got the job--

MAN: At NASA?

MAN: --at NASA?

WOMAN: NASA. So I teach all day in school--

MAN: Like to the astronauts.

WOMAN: I drive to NASA and I teach NASA employees how to speak French.

MAN: Why?

MAN: Were you watching the whole mirror thing at NASA?

WOMAN: Uh-huh.

MAN: I would have been.

WOMAN: Well, a lot of the people that I'm teaching work on that project.

MAN: Oh, really?

WOMAN: And one of them is a Russian interpreter for the project. So you find out all kinds of stuff about it. Yeah.

MAN: Yeah. I was up at midnight watching it. I was like bird, bird!

[LAUGHTER]

WOMAN: Crashing or something can make it interesting!

MAN: Get the talk about target.

[LAUGHTER]

MAN: That's so cool.

WOMAN: What?

MAN: I was like-- OK, you never heard about this?

WOMAN: Uh-uh.

MAN: Can mirrors like exploding into 5,000 little pieces of fiber glass coming down from the sky? And if any of them hit the Taco Bell target in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, someone will get free Taco Bell for everybody.

MAN: Everybody gets a--

[LAUGHTER]

MAN: Everybody in the world gets a free taco.

[LAUGHTER]

MAN: That's like all kinds of fabulous. I love it.

[LAUGHTER]

WOMAN: See, McDonald's is too cheap to do something like that.

MAN: I'm stupid.

WOMAN: Yeah. [LAUGHS]

MAN: Everybody in the world needs a free taco.

WOMAN: Ah-huh.

WOMAN: We could live on tacos. But what would we do without our jack-in-the-box tacos?

MAN: Poor Taco Bell. If that's what's going to happen, they're going to go out of business.

MAN: Really?

[LAUGHTER]

MAN: I didn't go to Galveston. Really?

WOMAN: You know what, it could.

MAN: But the thing is it doesn't, so--

WOMAN: I haven't lived in Houston that long. I don't know.

MAN: Anyone looking at map--

MAN: Oh, you talk very loudly.

WOMAN: What? What? What? What?

MAN: You talk very loud. Me and Gabrielle are like ah!

[LAUGHTER]

WOMAN: Uh-huh. Uh-huh.

MAN: Stop.

MAN: [LAUGHS] I'm glad that hurt.

MAN: All right.

MAN: OK, big old Ryan right there--

MAN: Shut up.

MAN: --yeah, has stuff to read about the sodomy law. And then we will interpret from there.

MAN: OK. Is this my cue?

MAN: Read.

MAN: OK. I downloaded this stuff off of PlanetOut today because I knew Tommy wouldn't have anything. So--

[LAUGHTER]

WOMAN: Ryan's already knowing Tommy.

[LAUGHTER]

MAN: Anyway, can't use names. I suppose I can because they are clever. Anyway, these two guys were convicted of violating the Texas sodomy law which makes deviant sexual intercourse between two people of the same sex illegal. And deviant sexual intercourse has specific statutory definition in Texas. As you can imagine, it includes just about anything fun to people can't do sexually.

Before 1974, the law equally barred deviant heterosexual intercourse. But state legislatures restricted it to apply only to gay sex when they realize that the law made sodomites of most of their constituents. So they-- yeah, anyway.

MAN: Yeah.

MAN: So what else? What happened was they took it to a court. They appeal that these two guys-- and two out of the three Republican judges on the appeals court agreed that the sodomy law was unconstitutional under Texas Equal Rights Amendment. And so it was like this big huge, big party gay.

But then later, Texas took it back to an appeal and got it overturned. And basically, it was the state of Texas appeal to the entire all Republican appeals court. And in a 7 to 2 vote, where the two judges who had voted for it previously, still stuck to their same opinion. But they got the sodomy law to be constitutional. That's what they say. Yes.

MAN: Now, do we believe that it is a constitutional law?

MAN: [LAUGHING] As we come to our next paragraph, under our constitutional system, every law must, at a minimum, be rational. And that's not very rational. This is an opinion thing.

WOMAN: No, no, it's very rational.

MAN: Oh, is it? I'm sorry, I was confused again. But yes, I highlighted some other stuff. And this guy, who wrote this article, also said that even judicial conservatives agree that a law adopted because of dislike against a group of people is a violation of the principle that all must enjoy the equal protection of the laws.

And under settled constitutional law, the bare desire to harm or disadvantage a politically unpopular group is not a legitimate interest. So that is government homophobia right there.

MAN: At its best.

MAN: Yes. At its best, at its worst, at its greatest. [LAUGHS]

MAN: At its all-time high.

MAN: Yes.

WOMAN: I think they have to be high when making laws like this.

MAN: Now, how did they come about knowing that these guys were committing the crime of sodomy?

MAN: I don't know. This is what I learned.

MAN: Were they like, hey, I think gay people live in this house.

MAN: I heard they thought someone is robbing them or something. And they went in on cause of something. And then they were like, oh, two people. And then they--

WOMAN: They were in their homes. And someone else who was angry at them called and reported a robbery. So the police came in and busted in. And it was a false call. But they thought, hey, since we're here, look, there's two guys having sex.

WOMAN: Let's arrest them.

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MAN: [LAUGHS]

MAN: Yeah.

WOMAN: So it was in their own home. It's not like they're outside of their home doing anything in front of anybody. They're in their own home in their bedroom. And the police come in without permission.

MAN: Which is just crazy because if that happened in any other situation, I mean, hellfire brimstone be coming at them for that. And now it's like, oh, they're the saviors for stopping. That's what I think of that.

MAN: Mm-hmm.

WOMAN: Mm-hmm.

WOMAN: Mm-hmm.

MAN: Yes, I think so. Mm-hmm.

MAN: Someone in the Republican Party wrote a letter, basically threatening the judges.

MAN: Yes.

MAN: --regarding the position they made.

MAN: Yes, yes. This is something else that I was going to put down. But basically--

MAN: But you did it.

MAN: --what they did was-- but I didn't. [LAUGHS]

MAN: The people would have gone--

MAN: Talking about yourself--

MAN: --without these knowledge and stuff.

MAN: Yeah. Some like chairman or a fundraiser in the Republican Party basically said, if you vote overturn this--

MAN: Yes. What happened was they-- OK. Any unpopular decision by a Republican judge risks the wrath of the extremely loud and well-organized contingent of religious conservatives who dominate the state GOP. So basically, if they do anything that is semi moderate in any fashion, they're going to have hell to pay from every direction, from churches, from concerned family groups, from--

WOMAN: So we gather that Republicans have sold their souls.

MAN: Yes.

[LAUGHTER]

WOMAN: All those darn Republican Christian right fundamentalist--

MAN: Right.

WOMAN: --who are lost--

WOMAN: Have sold their souls.

[LAUGHTER]

MAN: We searched two--

MAN: The racist Republican.

MAN: Exactly. I mean--

WOMAN: Are there--

MAN: But see, that's just politics in general, though. If anyone starts straying from the two corners that you're going to have, whether it be liberal or conservative, you get people who are baiting them with anything. That in itself is a whole other issue we could go into.

WOMAN: I don't know. I just don't think anybody has the right to make laws against our bodies, seeing how they're ours and not theirs.

WOMAN: I agree.

WOMAN: It's just ridiculous.

MAN: But it's saving--

MAN: Well, then, that's OK. Then you're--

WOMAN: Oh, yes. Yes, we must think of the children.

MAN: We must think of the children.

MAN: Well, the thing is like with that, what you just said, government shouldn't say what we should do with our bodies. So everybody--

MAN: It's not a Republican idea--

MAN: --let's go smoke, rack, and--

MAN: --government to stay out of our business.

MAN: --get pregnant it and have crack babies.

WOMAN: Hey. Our bodies.

WOMAN: But then, at that point, you're in influencing a child's body, too.

WOMAN: Were these men having sex with a child?

WOMAN: No.

MAN: No.

WOMAN: But what you said was the government should be--

WOMAN: Tell me within reason--

MAN: [LAUGHING] And she just got the verbal backhand.

[LAUGHTER]

WOMAN: [INAUDIBLE]

WOMAN: I figured, I did not have to say within reason speaking with you all.

MAN: I don't think what they were doing was going to produce a baby.

[LAUGHTER]

WOMAN: No. It was--

MAN: What is wrong?

MAN: --class once or twice.

MAN: What's wrong about that?

WOMAN: It had nothing to do with any other people except for themselves. They weren't doing it in public. They weren't doing it in front of children.

WOMAN: I don't think the government should make laws about sex at all except for rape cases, you know or child molestation.

MAN: See, that's what I was thinking.

WOMAN: When you're actually hurting someone else--

MAN: The whole idea of consent, it's the whole idea of consent.

WOMAN: Right.

MAN: And there's already laws on the books to protect--

MAN: Right.

MAN: And I thought I heard about a case stating that the sodomy law was used in a rape victim, like a guy was raping a female. And I didn't know if that was true or not because I thought that sodomy law only--

MAN: Well, they took it from-- well, yeah, they took away heterosexual sodomy long time ago.

WOMAN: Well, in this state. And actually, there are only four states left in the United States who still have a sodomy law--

MAN: That's right.

WOMAN: --against homosexuals.

MAN: And fortunately, we live in Texas.

MAN: Is Utah one? Because I think probably Utah would be another one.

MAN: Mm-mm.

WOMAN: Omaha.

WOMAN: And I think Arkansas is one and some other place like Alabama or something.

WOMAN: Arkansas. But Louisiana doesn't even have one--

MAN: One that doesn't?

WOMAN: It's not another ride.

WOMAN: Louisiana. No, they got rid of theirs a couple of years ago.

MAN: Wow.

WOMAN: Mm-hmm.

WOMAN: Go them.

MAN: Never would have thought them to be a trailblazer of anything.

[LAUGHTER]

MAN: Let's do everything.

WOMAN: I'm from Louisiana, let me tell you. [LAUGHS]

MAN: Yes.

WOMAN: She's like I eat crawfish with the best of them.

WOMAN: We're much more liberal than Texas is.

MAN: The interesting thing is what--

MAN: Did you set the head of a crawfish?

WOMAN: I don't do that. But I do eat potatoes.

MAN: Have you considered sodomy?

[LAUGHTER]

[INAUDIBLE] small crawfish [INAUDIBLE].

[LAUGHTER]

WOMAN: That's it. Texas is now banning all-male crawfish.

[LAUGHTER]

MAN: Female crawfish, too, you know.

MAN: Mm-hmm.

MAN: The interesting thing, there's one more appeals court here in Texas that that case has to go in front of. And then the next step would be the United States Supreme Court. And they're less politicized at that level.

MAN: Right.

MAN: So it's going to be interesting when it happens.

MAN: For a good reason, because we'll just-- yes.

WOMAN: I think if it got to the Supreme Court, seeing as how there are only four states in the United States that have a sodomy law now, I think it's very likely that would be overturned, and they would--

MAN: Yeah. I mean, I think--

WOMAN: --do away with it.

MAN: --we're pretty confident about that.

WOMAN: And hopefully, it would spread across all the states.

MAN: There's a case in Colorado regarding something that prohibits gay organizations from meeting politically. I'm getting it all wrong. But the important part is the Supreme Court knocked it down.

MAN: Is this student organizations, like it's schools?

MAN: I don't think it was a student organization. I'm not sure, but--

WOMAN: Maybe like a HATCH organization.

MAN: No, I don't think so. I think it was something to limit their political involvement in some kind of case. But the important part of it is that they struck it down. And I think that bodes well in case this case goes in for the Supreme Court.

MAN: Right.

WOMAN: I think they have a little more common sense.

MAN: Liz, you've said three words today. What do you feel?

WOMAN: Mm-hmm.

LIZ: I've said more than three.

WOMAN: Now it's six.

MAN: That's six or seven.

[LAUGHTER]

LIZ: I don't know.

MAN: Right. OK, we'll come back to Liz.

[LAUGHTER]

MAN: If you form an opinion, we'll keep talking.

MAN: Does that mean you're in favor of the sodomy law?

[LAUGHTER]

MAN: Let's see some show of hands.

MAN: This is Republican.

MAN: That's right. You are a Republican, aren't you?

WOMAN: That's it. Leave. Leave our box now.

[LAUGHTER]

MAN: That's fine.

MAN: Is it contagious?

MAN: No. That's fine.

WOMAN: It better not be contagious.

MAN: Just because a Republican doesn't mean you're bad.

MAN: That's right.

WOMAN: Yes, it does. [INAUDIBLE]

MAN: I know Republicans friends.

MAN: Yes. I have a Republican friend. Do you know who he is?

[LAUGHTER]

MAN: Yeah! Golly man. Geez. They're everywhere.

[LAUGHTER]

MAN: OK, well, another thing that I was wanting to talk about was the whole gay marriage in Texas and stuff, like not so gay marriage--

WOMAN: Or the very lack of it.

MAN: --or transgender--

MAN: Did you know--

MAN: --marriage.

MAN: --it's really weird. You can actually marry-- two men can actually get married if one is a transgender person?

MAN: No.

MAN: If there a woman--

MAN: That's not true.

MAN: Isn't that true?

MAN: No. If they're born a man, get a sex change, and marry a female, then their marriage is legal in Texas. However, if they were both born men and one changed into a-- I'm getting--

MAN: Yup. There's the spark. Tommy is confused.

[LAUGHTER]

WOMAN: Well, that could take a while.

MAN: I know--

MAN: He went down to smoke in the room.

MAN: I know that Texas--

MAN: I think I need a picture.

MAN: Texas says your gender is what it is when you are born. If you get a sex change, it doesn't matter.

MAN: OK.

WOMAN: OK, and they had that case, which is probably what you're about to talk about, of the two women who one was born male and changed to female and was able to marry another woman. Under law, because the person--

MAN: Because she was born a man?

WOMAN: Because she was born a man. Now, they are actually bringing up in legislature trying to overturn that law so that you can change your gender legally in Texas if you have a sex change.

MAN: It is just to--

WOMAN: But--

MAN: --ban them from being married, I believe.

WOMAN: Well, it has--

MAN: Is it, really?

WOMAN: Well, it has good and bad connotations. for transgender people, that's good because they can legally change their gender.

MAN: But then it screws the marriage thing.

WOMAN: But it came about because of the marriage thing, right.

WOMAN: So Texas is finding more ways to screw us.

MAN: For those of you at home, I am rolling my eyes now.

[LAUGHTER]

MAN: I think I'll do it again. Here we go. Yeah, that's it.

WOMAN: We need a TV show, so people can see what we're doing.

MAN: Yes, exactly.

WOMAN: Donations count.

MAN: Liz, do you have any feelings about transgender issues? No.

[LAUGHTER]

MAN: Liz is all, I'm so excited I'm going to do the radio show. But I cannot sit in the corner with Freddie this week because, no, I want to sit by a microphone because I'm going to talk my head off. Blah blah blah.

[LAUGHTER]

MAN: I need five microphones to hold my voice and blah, blah, blah, blah, blah. She said seven words.

[LAUGHTER]

MAN: And yet she's silent again.

[LAUGHTER]

MAN: OK. All right, let's just carry on. We'll come back.

MAN: Right.

WOMAN: So what do you all think about the transgender thing? Do you think that people should be able to legally change their gender under law?

MAN: Absolutely.

WOMAN: OK.

MAN: Yes.

WOMAN: Agree?

MAN: Yes. Yes, very much so. What about you, Justin? You've said five words also.

JUSTIN: I think people should be able to change their sex by law. I think people should marry whomever they would like of any race, ethnicity, social class, anything. I think that people should be able to do anything they want in their own bedroom.

WOMAN: Within reason.

MAN: I mean, I think all of that's absolutely ridiculous because I can-- along those lines, they should make piercing shops illegal than in tattoo parlors. I mean, that's scarring your body for life. It's actually puncturing yourself and injuring yourself. Do they say anything? No.

MAN: They don't let minors do it. I learn that the other day.

MAN: Minors, well, fine. Minors aren't supposed to have sex anyway.

[LAUGHTER]

MAN: Oops.

MAN: Wait, what?

[LAUGHTER]

MAN: But I can--

MAN: I miss that show.

MAN: --thing through my body. But two people having consensual sex is it's--

WOMAN: Damned. [CHUCKLES]

MAN: The illegality of that is fueled by their bigotry, and they're biased.

MAN: Exactly.

MAN: And I think it's a load of crap.

MAN: Here, here.

MAN: Along with that, blah, blah. OK, something I also notice that-- something will come about where-- I don't know. Let's just use HEY, for example, OK. And you're going to go into a school, and you're going to talk about HIV prevention and things like that. And you would have to fight probably so hard to try to get into a school to be able to talk about this sort of thing.

And someone else who disagrees with that, all they have to do basically is just raise an eyebrow to you. And someone just freaks out, and they say, OK, no. Can't do that. There's so much weight and respect put on like this end by someone saying, no, morality, no, when-- I think I just made no sense there. Someone else help me out. [LAUGHS]

WOMAN: Yeah.

MAN: What was weird was--

WOMAN: If you don't want something to happen is easier to prevent it--

MAN: That's what I'm trying to say.

WOMAN: --than if you want something to happen. It's harder to make it happen.

MAN: Yeah.

MAN: See, and what was weird was we weren't supposed to say what our sexual orientation was. And also, if the schools found out that we are a gay youth group and we are the ones that are giving the HIV--

WOMAN: That's ridiculous, though, you're educating them. And it doesn't matter what your sexual preference is as long as they're gay, the information are all the same.

MAN: Yes, we know it doesn't matter, but other people don't. And they're stupid.

WOMAN: That's what I was stating.

MAN: Yes.

MAN: You look so important.

MAN: I love you, Tara.

WOMAN: Also rights in school for students who are gay and teachers who are gay-- I think that the government needs to step in and try to help out the school systems because I know at my school, there's not much that protects the student body and the teachers.

WOMAN: That's any school across America.

MAN: Yeah.

WOMAN: There's actually an organization here in Houston that has started within the past year called GLSEN which is--

WOMAN: GLSEN.

WOMAN: I know. I will talk about it because I'm on the board. Now, which is the--

MAN: Just like if my mom was here, it'd be all about HATCH over here.

WOMAN: Which is the Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network. And their mission statement is to help make schools safer for students and teachers and help pass laws, help lobby, things like that. So anyone who's interested in that--
[LAUGHS]

MAN: I am. Need the number.

WOMAN: Call the station, we'll let you know.

MAN: Yes.

MAN: How come no one's called yet? I feel lonely.

WOMAN: Someone called earlier, but they waited--

MAN: Hey, if my brother is listening--

WOMAN: --for like five minutes.

MAN: --call. Just call.

MAN: Why not?

MAN: Hey, Luanne's dad, yeah.

WOMAN: But we can't hear the callers because we don't have headphones.

MAN: That's right.

MAN: Well, I didn't hear a caller anyway. So who's come out in school? I know I have, and Justin have.

MAN: Justin number one.

MAN: I didn't come out of high school.

MAN: I'm sort of out now.

WOMAN: A small circle in my friends is very small and limited circle in which you're mainly gay. So I guess that doesn't really count.

MAN: Liz, have you come out in school?

LIZ: I'm straight.

[LAUGHTER]

MAN: Does everybody know of you're shyness?

MAN: Good for you.

[LAUGHTER]

WOMAN: So she's a straight "Re-pub-li-can."

[LAUGHTER]

MAN: If I came out in my school, they would like drag me behind a truck. I go to Channel View, uh. And I mean, it's terrible. The whole school system revolves around football and church.

MAN: In which you can let her in your eighth grade year.

MAN: What?

MAN: It's better than you think. I mean, I came out in Waller, Texas. I mean, and--

MAN: And he went.

MAN: I think of that is one of-- it was really one of the most positive experience of my life. The kids are always going to be kids. But the administration was really cool about it. And they're really sensitive to my needs. And it's really not what I expected.

And I think it was because it was actually a smaller community and that they didn't know how to deal with it with any other way than morally. And they were just really cool about it. And I was amazed.

MAN: All right. Well--

WOMAN: I have something if we can stay on that subject, unless it's time for us to break or something.

MAN: Oh, yeah. I was going to go to the break.

WOMAN: All right.

MAN: Does anybody object to breakness?

WOMAN: We have a caller.

MAN: What song? No, we don't.

MAN: Oh, we have a caller.

MAN: No we don't.

MAN: But it's in use elsewhere.

MAN: Yes.

WOMAN: OK.

WOMAN: Oh.

MAN: Yeah.

MAN: That's how popular--

MAN: I'll talk to them during the--

MAN: What song are you playing?

MAN: --information. There's a little story before I do the whole talking thing. What? Keep going, yeah. See? I know what I'm doing. OK.

WOMAN: Sure.

MAN: I'm playing blocked over again, like always. But--

WOMAN: Uh-huh.

MAN: Yes!

MAN: Give me the month.

MAN: We like Blue October. We love Blue October.

MAN: Ah.

[LAUGHTER]

MAN: I like green September, but that's just weird.

[LAUGHTER]

MAN: Are you saying you're maybe bisexual?

WOMAN: Orange May.

MAN: And he's freaking hot. His name is Justin Fitzgerald. Oh, my god.

MAN: Does he put out?

MAN: I don't know. But he has a tattoo of a ring around his finger.

MAN: Yeah.

MAN: Yeah, it's scary. But yeah, I'm going to play "Balance Beam." But--

WOMAN: And what else are we playing?

MAN: We're going to play Madonna. But I'm going to say that after this.

WOMAN: I love Madonna. Go, Tara.

MAN: I'm not done speaking.

MAN: We're doing a blah, blah.

MAN: Shame, shame on me, sorry.

MAN: OK. So playing "Balance Beam" by Blue October. April 2, I'm trying out for Senior Spotlight. Hope I make it. I'm going to be singing this song. Yeah. So if I make it, everybody come to Jersey Village High School April 18, and listen to me sing. But I can't sing very well, but yeah. I don't think I'm going to make it. So yeah, and to do this, I just press this, right? What?

MAN: CD number 1.

MAN: Yes, I knew that. This one. All right, bye, y'all.