

[AUDIO PLAYBACK]

PRESENTER: But the whole point is that you can use these in many fun ways, if you learn how to use them right. There are some problems with it. One is, when using them, make sure when you're holding them that you get your fingers on them properly. You can hold them in front of your partner, so you don't get the fluids in your mouth.

AUDIENCE: You've done this before.

PRESENTER: It's my life.

[LAUGHTER]

It can also be used for rimming, which can be on a man or a woman. That's oral contact with the anus.

AUDIENCE: Oh, cool.

PRESENTER: But, yes, you can place this in front of the vaginal lips. And of course, you might want to put some lubricant, water-based lubricant, since this is made out of rubber-- it can be oil lubricant, but water-based-- and you can put this on this side, so it will feel pretty much like your tongue to your partner, as you pleasure her by reaching in.

AUDIENCE: Do that again.

[LAUGHTER]

PRESENTER: Now, of course, you can get flavored condoms or flavored lubricants. You get flavored lubricants, flavored condoms, and flavored dental dams. But, of course, the flavors do come off, so you can add to this by putting your own flavors on there.

AUDIENCE: Do they taste like a woman?

[LAUGHTER]

PRESENTER: Well, you could put your own juices on there, and it would taste like a woman and be safe. That's an option. That's certainly something that you can do, if you like the flavor, is you could put your own--

[LAUGHTER]

Now, of course, if you like other flavors like honey, syrup, and other things, or the low calorie stuff, you can put stuff on here and eat out of your partner, and basically, truly eat out. That's another option.

AUDIENCE: I go to stores.

[LAUGHTER]

PRESENTER: Other things that you can do, though-- look, with these dental dams, I've got some friends, who are lesbians, who are HIV positive, and they have tried using these. These aren't necessarily the most realistic, because they are hard to find, and they're a little expensive.

One of the things I would recommend is, if this works as a barrier for you, great. But it's also important to look at other options as well, because this is a little bit hard to use. If you've had as much practice as I have, then, of course, it's not so difficult. But practice does make perfect.

Another thing, though, to remember is that they are a lot thicker than some of your other options. Somebody said, sometimes, it's like trying to lick your way through a rubber tire. I don't know, it depends on what you're trying to lick. It could be worth reaching that goal.

But there are other options. You could use rubber gloves, and split them open with scissors, and use those as effective barriers. They're lot cheaper. You can also use a condom.

AUDIENCE: Walgreens, \$4.99.

PRESENTER: You can use the condoms. We have different kinds of condoms in the lesbian safe sex kits. We have one dry condom, unflavored condom which is dry. And then, we have a lubricated condom for those who use them on sex toys.

You can take the condom and roll it out. If you cut off the top of the condom and cut it up the side, it'll open up just like a dental dam will. You actually can use condoms that people give you as dental dams, and, of course, put your own exciting flavors on there.

You can also use them as interesting sex toys and play with them with your partner in any way you wish. But certainly, there are a lot of options in terms of playing with the condoms themselves. Another thing to be aware of, too, is that you can use something that's more realistic, like plastic wrap.

Plastic wrap, we didn't put any in here, because getting saran wrap into a container like this might be a little difficult. But you can get saran wrap anywhere. You go to your store. What you want to do, though, is get the plastic wrap that you can't tear through very easily. If you can't tear your finger through it, then you won't be able to tear your tongue through it.

Honestly, without naming names, handy wrap is not very good. You can tear through that very easily. Saran wrap is much more effective. You could also get some of the generic brands. But try them out first to make sure. Think to yourself, can I stick my tongue through this plastic wrap? If not, you're OK. If so, your partner might really like that, but the whole point is--

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

The next time you go shopping, you can get a roll of plastic wrap. It'll last you at least a week, depending on how much you want.

[LAUGHTER]

You can buy them in colors now. They don't come in flavors yet, but they may one day. But you can put your own flavors on there. And since they're plastic, you don't have to worry about oils on your clothes. So you use oil-based lubricants as well, or oil products.

You can use plastic wrap, and that's a little more realistic. Also, it comes in bigger pieces, so you can work more with your partner. Now, don't get too carried away, because that would be called mummification. And there's some other risks with that sort of practice-- that type.

You can certainly use plastic wrap, as long as you can't tear your tongue through it. It could be just as much fun, but still, use lubricant on the other side, so it feels just like your tongue to your partner. And you could put flavors on the inside, so it tastes good to you. Also, it seals in freshness. So it's a great option.

I do encourage you, next time you go shopping, whether it's the Gay Kroger's or wherever, check out the aisle and see whose really buying proper plastic wrap, even though they have a good day care. There's plenty of ladies out there who use plastic wrap after the show. They're open 24 hours.

Anyways, other things that are in here. We have a variety of different types of lubricants. Some of the water-based lubricants we have don't have Nonoxynol-9. You don't need it if you're going to be using it within or without oral sex on your partner, unless you're going to be using sex toys.

If you want to ensure that there's no fluids that can get on that sex toy, or if there could be, you want to put some on there. That might help kill bacterias or viruses. You can use the water-based lubricant with Nonoxynol-9. Nonoxynol-9, it's a chemical. It could be on a condom or in the lubricant. It can help to kill HIV on contact.

But generally, for this purpose, if it's not intercourse per se, like between a man and a woman, or a man and a man, essentially, you don't necessarily need that. But some people want a lubricant with Nonoxynol-9, so we supply both types. We have those in the kits as well.

Lots of great information is in the kits. Basically, if you're just aware about the sharing of sex toys and the issues of oral sex-- the other issue is, is your partner truly lesbian, or they could be bisexual. If they've got a male partner, now, we're talking about a different issue. Because now, they might be having intercourse with someone else and that will place them at risk.

So certainly, that's why condoms and lubricants are important for every woman, whether gay, straight, whatever you want to call them. The whole point is, safer sex is for everybody. Many people aren't aware that this whole thing of safer sex was developed for partners, where one was positive and one was negative.

It wasn't developed out there for people, where two people were negative, or if you just didn't know. It was basically so that whether you knew or not, you could learn how to have a good time with someone without the risks. There are a lot of things you can do with your partner, orally, physically, manipulating them in many ways, that can be fun and exciting, that place you had no risk.

One of the few other things that might pose some risk is when you're stimulating your partner with your hand, and you've got your fingers or your hand up inside the vaginal area-- of course, if your hand's up inside there that's this thing, you definitely should use some protection on your hands for that, because you probably would come into contact with some blood.

But in terms of just regular digital manipulation up inside your partner, whether it's up inside the vagina, just around the clitoral area, or up inside the rectum for anal stimulation, it's safest if you use rubber gloves. Rubber gloves certainly place you at absolutely no risk. Because, you put this glove on and there's no way you're going to get those fluids or anything, either on your hand, much less into your body.

If your partner could have HIV, or you didn't know, you could strap on the love glove, the little one, and then, put plenty of lubrication all over of your hands, have a great time with her, but place yourself at no risk. Now, of course, even if you didn't use the glove-- even if you didn't use the glove, you still don't have so much to worry about, except if you have any cuts, sores, abrasions on your hand. Those are things definitely to be concerned about.

When I'm teaching workshops about safer sex, I try not to separate the issue of HIV, which some people feel is not as real, with the issue of other sexually transmitted infections, syphilis, gonorrhea, chlamydia, herpes, all those things. That just takes skin-to-skin contact, and that's very, very easy to do.

Safer sex is not just all about HIV. It's also all about the other STDs that are out there. And that is significantly more prevalent in the women's community, than just HIV. We talk about AIDS and HIV all this time, but really, that's not the big issue. The even bigger issue is other sexually transmitted diseases, which are very easy to get.

Now, these kits can be great for men or women. Specifically, we've designed it for women. They've got a lesbian brochure in there. But anybody can use these. Rubber gloves for anal stimulation, for vaginal stimulation, you've got all the condoms, all the safe sex information in there.

One of the important things is that we have workshops that go into all the exciting, erotic, fun things you could do with people, that don't have to place you at any sort of risk for any of these diseases. These we call our safe sex house parties.

We do have women and men who are trained to teach these. Usually, they have a voice, so it's a little bit easier for them to do these workshops. Generally, they're fun and entertaining first, but also educational. So you can take with you what kind of information you need.

I want to just check and see if y'all had any questions about anything regarding HIV, STDs, or anything. Yes, back there. Some of you are holding up something. I can't see with this light in my face. Anybody here?

AUDIENCE: I have a question.

PRESENTER: Yes.

AUDIENCE: Do you have any recommendations for the best way to broach the subject of safe sex with a partner that you haven't had sex with--

PRESENTER: Can you dim the light?

AUDIENCE: I mean, who doesn't know.

PRESENTER: Have fun with your partner. You want to be able to talk about these issues, that is true. And sex is one of the most difficult things to talk about. We'd rather not assume there's a problem, unless somebody brings it up. But if we don't talk, how's it ever going to be brought up.

It's really helpful sometimes to talk about it at a point before you start ripping each other's clothes off. Because rarely, do you rip each other's clothes off, you're all over each other, and then, bring up this issue. Well, what do you know about safer sex? Or have you ever been tested for HIV, or anything else?

That's an important question to ask. Because how do you know what their sex life has been. Who were they with last week, or last night even. The whole point is, why place your life at risk. Remember, your partner-- well, if it wasn't Nancy, but anybody else-- your partner doesn't necessarily look out for your best interests. You don't know if they would.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

PRESENTER: Yes.

AUDIENCE: All at the same time, if you like.

PRESENTER: So it's really-- It's really important to try to talk about it. The best way to talk about it is to get to know your partner first. And bring it up even casually, even if you have to-- dare I say it-- lie. Tell them, hey, you know, I just went to one of these safe sex workshops or house parties, and I learned a few things that I didn't really think of before. Have you ever looked into this stuff? Have you ever been tested, maybe?

Maybe you and your partner might want to go get tested. It's really great to see more and more women going to places like the Montrose Clinic and other places to get tested, because they're getting into a relationship, or moving in with each other, or whatever.

But the whole point is, at least-- if this were a [? government ?]. But the whole point is, they want to get tested to know where they stand. Because that really is the only way you could know where you stand at this point.

I want to make sure everybody else sees these are available. We've got enough for everybody here. In this bag, another baggie. Rujan, if you can help us too. We've got Rujan here. She's one of the volunteers at the AIDS Foundation. She's been a great help to us as well. Do we have any other questions, or anything?

AUDIENCE: I have a question.

PRESENTER: Yeah.

AUDIENCE: As far as vaginal secretions are concerned, [INAUDIBLE].

PRESENTER: The question was, as far as vaginal secretions, how does it rank in terms of risk factors? The highest risk fluid in the body is blood. That is high. The second highest is semen and pre-cum. That's very high. Vaginal fluids are a lot lower. It's around more moderate risk.

It's still a risk, but more moderate. It's probably just a little bit-- right around where breast milk is also a risk. If you come into contact with breast milk, that could be considered just slightly less risk than the vaginal cervix secretions. It's not as high, but it's still a concern.

It's important to remember where the risks are. If you've got a partner who's on her period, you definitely want to think that if you're going to be having oral sex, use a barrier. That's the best way to protect yourself from anything that you could come in contact with. It's a good question. Thanks. Other questions? They can be fun.

[LAUGHTER]

There's a lot of things you could do with your partner that are a lot of fun, just even in terms of oral stimulation. Finding out what your partner likes and what they don't like is really important. What you might find sexually erotic and exciting, your partner may or may not. This is where talking about it really helps your sex life.

The more you learn about being creative and talking to your partner about this, the better time you have with your partner. You might find out that they really love to have their ears nibbled on, but they don't necessarily like to have the tongue right in the ear. Other people love that sort of thing.

Everyone loves different things sexually. It's important to explore these things with your partner, to learn about all the fun you can have sexually, that places you in no risk. I think women know better than men about how to have fun without worrying so much about orgasm being the only important thing.

There are so many other ways to stimulate your partner prior to orgasm. You want to play with it all. Enjoy your partner in every way you can. Setting the mood. Having the right location, situation. In a dark bar, or in the kitchen. In the fields, or on the beach.

Wherever you want to-- oh, that's why they raised their hands. They weren't having questions. They wanted the kits. The whole point is, setting the mood, having candles, the right music. All sorts of things can make sex that much more erotic and fun. And yet that still is safer sex.

AUDIENCE: How often should women be tested?

PRESENTER: How often should women be tested? Generally, you only have to get tested once if it's been at least three months since the last time you've done anything risky. That's having unprotected sex with another woman, or with a man, or sharing needles. If it's been at least three months, you can assume that if this test was negative, that's where you are today.

The next thing you want to concentrate on is how to stay that way. If you and your partner have been monogamous the whole time, or if you're getting into a relationship, just think back. If you want the test to be accurate, make sure you give yourself three months to build up those antibodies, which is what the test is looking for.

AUDIENCE: [INAUDIBLE]

PRESENTER: As that window period, yes. You need to give yourself three months to build up that antibody response. If it's been three months and you're negative, all you need to worry about is how to stay that way. Good question.

AUDIENCE: Kissing.

PRESENTER: Kissing, good point. Again, blood and sexual fluids are the only risk factors. Saliva is not. Let's say, your partner is bleeding profusely from the mouth. Let's say, you just hit them in the mouth. Now, you're kissing the vaginal area. You don't want that.

[LAUGHTER]

They fall and hit their face on the table, wake up out of a drunken stupor, and you're still kissing the vaginal area. Those things are risks. You want to be cautious of that. If you taste blood, that's enough blood to place yourself at some risk.

But generally-- and believe me, I've kissed a lot of people in my life. I only remember one time I came in contact with blood, and that's because they really got a bad cut, like a chip or something. I don't remember what it was, something weird. But I was wondering, why are you bleeding from the mouth. You might want to find out that question. If you taste blood, find out why. But essentially, kissing is another risk factor in terms of HIV. Yes, question.

AUDIENCE: What about somebody with braces?

PRESENTER: Somebody with braces, good question. Certainly, the chance is there, depending on how passionately you're kissing them. If you're both wearing braces, you could cut each other's lips or mouth, which could cause some bleeding.

Or when they tighten their braces, sometimes it causes bleeding in the mouth. It might take at least a couple hours for the gums to heal from that. Just like with brushing or flossing your teeth, it takes at least an hour or two for the mouth to heal.

If your partner could be a risk, and you're going to be kissing them, or going down on them, make sure that you haven't just recently brushed or flossed your teeth. Why is it that some people brush or floss their teeth before having sex? Has anyone ever done that?

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

Brushed or flossed. It's because of your breath, you want to have fresh breath, right? Well, you can do that. You can have fresh breath without taking the risk of brushing or flossing by just doing some mouthwash, breath mints, breath sprays. You don't need to take the extra risk.

But if you do brush your teeth, it's probably a good idea to take in a movie before you have sex. Give it a good hour or two, then you're probably fine. If you've got gum disease, though-- tell them I need some water. Tell them my voice is much better when-- oh, I've got some. Rujan, Rujan, could you bring my water in the fridge. I sound better when I get plenty of water.

AUDIENCE: Oh, come on. I know you want to say--

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

PRESENTER: I forgot about that. At least, I've got my voice today. I didn't have anything yesterday. But the whole point is that if you've got gum disease, which is something-- ah, better-- if you've got gum disease, one of the things to be aware of is that that could be an ongoing problem, if blood can come out of your gums when you brush your teeth. It also means there could be easy access into--

That's why in terms of safer sex-- this is good pause for effect-- in terms of safer sex, seeing a dentist on a regular basis, and making sure your mouth and oral hygiene is good, is very important. That way you don't have to put yourself at the extra risks from the oral contact, whether you're going down on your partner, or possibly kissing them. Good questions. Other questions? Yes.

AUDIENCE: Let's say, you want to be intimate with a partner [INAUDIBLE]. And then, you go get tested in three more months. [INAUDIBLE] and you did have unsafe sex, and [INAUDIBLE]. How good is that window period?

PRESENTER: There was a question about how good is this window period. Let's say, you meet a woman, and you want to know, if we're going to get in a relationship, and we're totally monogamous-- if we got tested today, and we only play safe from this point on, and then, in three more months, we got tested. So we know it's been at least three months since we didn't have this virus, and we're totally monogamous. Does everyone know that term?

AUDIENCE: Yeah.

PRESENTER: That's a hard thing for a lot of people, total monogamy. If you're going to have unprotected sex, if it's been three months since your last test, and you got tested-- it doesn't necessarily have to be six months anymore, the test is much, much more sensitive. So three months, you could be pretty sure. In six months, you could just be that much more sure.

But if you make sure, you get tested and you're both negative, as long as you're monogamous, you don't have to worry about getting something. Because if you don't have something to start with, you're not going to get it. And then, you can't pass it to your partner. So certainly, in three months, you can be pretty sure.

If you're concerned enough, go back after a total of six months. Even if you've been having unprotected sex, but not outside of your relationship, if both of you are still negative, you know everything is OK. You don't have to worry about safer sex if, number one, you're not having sex. You don't have to worry right now. Number two, you have sex, but only with yourself. We talked quite a bit about that.

AUDIENCE: Nice to see you.

PRESENTER: Number three, you're in a relationship with somebody, where you and they have both been to get tested. It's been at least three months, and you know you're both negative at this point, and you are what? Monogamous. If that's the way the situation is, you have little to worry about in terms of HIV, or any other STD. So certainly, that's the best way to go.

Now, if those three options are not options that you want to take, that's when you start thinking about the safer options. If you don't want to worry about safer sex, get yourself into a monogamous relationship with someone who definitely is negative. If that's not your situation, and you're sexually active, or your partner is and you don't know it, the whole point is, safer sex is the only way to go to keep your risks very low, if to nil. Anybody else?

AUDIENCE: Yes. What about safer sex toys, and oxygen, and HIV?

PRESENTER: Sex toys, oxygen, and HIV. It sounds like a book. Can't wait for the next article.

[LAUGHTER]

Now, in terms of sex toys, essentially-- OK, in terms of sex toys, basically, if you don't share, you don't have to worry. If you're going to share, you need to sterilize it, or clean it. Now, that could mean throwing it in the dishwasher and letting it go through a cycle.

Now, of course, I see that as a lull in the moment. Some people don't want to do that. The next easiest thing is, don't share. Have your partner's sex toy, and your sex toy, and don't share. Or put a condom on it. When you're done with it, just take the condom off. Put a fresh one for your partner, go to it, and you're perfectly OK.

Certainly, sharing sex toys, another way to do it, and if you still like to be spontaneous, is to put a condom on it. That way you can keep it as safe as possible. One last question.

AUDIENCE: What about the AIDS virus [INAUDIBLE].

PRESENTER: There is a lot of rumors about how fragile the AIDS virus is. Yes, it is fragile in terms of general viruses. It can survive in the air for up to a couple of hours. Certainly, it's not going to die just by being exposed to air. It doesn't happen that way. The virus sitting on the table right there, could be alive for at least two or three hours.

Now, of course, what happens to those fluids that the virus is in? They dry up. Well, if they dry up, how are they going to get into your bloodstream? It's not going to happen. Unless you flake off those fluids, those dry fluids, [INAUDIBLE]. Essentially, outside of the body, the risk of getting infected is nil.

The only way you're really at risk is if you share needles or have unprotected sex. Almost anything else is very unlikely. But if the virus could be on the fluids or a sex toy, there's risk. That's why it's always a good idea, if you're going to share, to go ahead and put some protection on it.

Did everybody get a safe sex kit? If you didn't, come up to us. We're over here. We'll make sure you have it. I want to thank you so much for your questions. If you ever want to have a safe sex house party, we spend more time, have a lot more fun, give us a call at the AIDS Foundation. They're free. They're fun. They're wild. We had a great time. I thank you all for your time. We'll see you again.

[APPLAUSE]

[END PLAYBACK]

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, yeah. Thank you, Bart. To top that off, I've got a piece of music. It's going to liven you up. It's by Your Girlfriend, and it's called "Les Bebop." Oh, yeah, "Les Bebop" by Your Girlfriend.

EVELYN It's got me bopping around.

CARROLL:

JIMMY CARPER: Uh-huh. Uh-huh. OK, before we start in here, because we've got a lot of stuff we want to cover by the end of the show, Matt's got something.

MATT: Uh, yeah. Sorry, we couldn't get to it earlier. Martha called in. She called in two weeks ago on the husband hunt that Scott was doing.

JIMMY CARPER: "Love Connection."

MATT: She hooked up with Terri and gave Terri her work number. She said, Terri sent her two dozen roses this Sunday.

JIMMY CARPER: Really?

MATT: Yeah.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, how cool.

MATT: She said that was cool, but she hasn't called her.

JIMMY CARPER: Wait a minute. Who hasn't called who?

MATT: Terri hasn't called Martha.

JIMMY CARPER: OK.

MATT: And Martha doesn't have Terri's phone number.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh! So how the hell are they supposed to get together?

MATT: Well, Terri has to call Martha.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh!

MATT: She has her number.

JIMMY CARPER: Well, Terri get off your lazy ass and call Martha, OK?

MATT: Yeah. I mean, if you're going to spring for the roses, you might as well go all the way.

JIMMY CARPER: And I think she wants you to go all the way.

MATT: Yeah. Yeah.

JIMMY CARPER: It sounds like it to me.

MATT: She sounds interested.

JIMMY CARPER: I see.

CREW: Ha-ha-ha.

MATT: (MOCKING LAUGH)

[LAUGHTER]

JIMMY CARPER: You know, last week, we had Joel Sandel on.

EVELYN Oh, did you?

CARROLL:

JIMMY CARPER: Ta-da! Yeah, and you're like, who the hell is he, right?

EVELYN Tell me more, Jimmy.

CARROLL:

JIMMY CARPER: He plays the lead in *Red Scare on Sunset*. It's a play done by the Main Street Theater. It's a hysterical spoof on McCarthyism, method acting, and the Hollywood star system. And Joel plays the lead character, Mary Dale.

EVELYN Oh, really!

CARROLL:

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah.

EVELYN Oh, how cool!

CARROLL:

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah. They had a successful run at Main Street. And now, for the next four weeks, starting tonight, they have it at 11 o'clock, Saturday night. Isn't that cool?

EVELYN That is cool.

CARROLL:

JIMMY CARPER: It's cool in a way, but we can't go see it.

EVELYN We can't go see it--

CARROLL:

JIMMY CARPER: Right.

EVELYN --but some of you out there can.

CARROLL:

JIMMY CARPER: Mm-hmm. Main Street Theater, located in the village. That's 11 o'clock on Saturdays, through October the 14th.
Cool

EVELYN Oh, that sounds like a good thing to do.

CARROLL:

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah. What else is going on?

EVELYN Oh, well, you know, Q-Patrol is always looking for volunteers.

CARROLL:

JIMMY CARPER: Ah!

EVELYN I want to give our listeners a number to call. If you want to join Q-Patrol, please call 871-8519.

CARROLL:

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah. They call in every couple of weeks and give us what's going on and that. And I want you to know that you are listening to *After Hours*, a continuing tradition on KPFT Houston. And you're listening to Evelyn and--

EVELYN Jimmy.

CARROLL:

JIMMY CARPER: Yes. Ta-da!

EVELYN Yay!

CARROLL:

JIMMY CARPER: And you're probably going to be listening to Evelyn and Jimmy just every fourth Saturday. How's that?

EVELYN Oh, Jimmy.

CARROLL:

JIMMY CARPER: Well, Evelyn anyway. I don't know, you know. We're making some changes here at *After Hours*. We're bringing new folks on board and giving a voice to other people in the community.

EVELYN We miss some of--
CARROLL:

JIMMY CARPER: We're going to make Bubba Sue do some talking on the air, because I want a redneck dyke to give her views.

EVELYN Bubba Sue's got to say something, just so you can hear her.
CARROLL:

JIMMY CARPER: Actually, Bubba Sue did give her views on bathhouses for women a few weeks ago--

EVELYN Oh, that's right.
CARROLL:

JIMMY CARPER: --as I recall. Yeah. Now, Bubba Sue's going to do what?

EVELYN Well, we need to get Bubba Sue on the air. People out there don't understand why we call her Bubba Sue. Bubba
CARROLL: Sue is called that, because she has this bubba redneck attitude, which is common to a very small segment of our community. But it is a very lively segment of our community.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, yeah.

EVELYN I enjoy bubbas, and I enjoy this bubba in particular.
CARROLL:

JIMMY CARPER: Wow!

EVELYN Wow!
CARROLL:

JIMMY CARPER: [LAUGHS] [CLEARS THROAT]

EVELYN [CLEARS THROAT]
CARROLL:

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, BiNet, hey!

EVELYN Yes.
CARROLL:

JIMMY CARPER: The Bisexual Network of Houston. Now, this is not on the computer, but this is a group that meets every Wednesday evening from 7:00 to 9:00. It's for bisexual people. They meet at MCCR, at 1919 Decatur Street, 7:00 to 9:00. And then, a lot of the folks go out afterwards for coffee and a chat.

EVELYN Oh, the after-meeting meeting.
CARROLL:

JIMMY CARPER: The after-meeting meeting, yeah.

EVELYN That could be fun.

CARROLL:

JIMMY CARPER: The meeting-meeting is really cool, because it's a swapping of stories. What's been going on in your life? What's been happening to you this week? How do you feel about certain aspects? And then, what are you doing with your life right now? It's really a nice, caring group.

EVELYN Well, you know, it seems like our community needed this. It seems like that was a hole in our community.

CARROLL:

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah.

EVELYN Bisexual people take a lot of flack from both the gay community and from the straight community. And they're

CARROLL: left--

JIMMY CARPER: Big time.

EVELYN --they're left in-between a rock and a hard place. I think we all need to practice tolerance in order to expect

CARROLL: tolerance.

JIMMY CARPER: You betcha. You betcha. I know, working at the Gay and Lesbian Switchboard, we get lots of calls all the time, and we've never been able to help out anyone asking for bisexual connections. And now, we can.

As a matter of fact, we mentioned earlier, the Coming Out Show, Coming Out Day, which is October 11. But the show that we're going to do on October the 8th, we're going to have Garrett from the BiNet group come on and tell you about them.

EVELYN I know I'll be listening. I'll probably be listening from the studio.

CARROLL:

JIMMY CARPER: I hope so.

[LAUGHTER]

EVELYN Um, let's see. I've got before me a coming out group for men. They deal with relationships, family, friends,

CARROLL: religion and spirituality, loss and grief, integrity, homophobia, HIV, identity, pride, sex, and self-esteem.

JIMMY CARPER: Where?

EVELYN It looks like they meet at the Montrose Counseling Center, and you can call 529-0037.

CARROLL:

JIMMY CARPER: We did some-- I had some information on them last week that we talked about. The Counseling Center is really working. 1,400, 1,500 people went through their doors last year, and they had 60 different groups. That's a group meeting every week. It's incredible what's going on over there.

EVELYN They've got a lot of stuff going on.

CARROLL:

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah. Oh, back to plays, *Bent* is still around from Inside Out Productions. *Bent*, by Martin Sherman, is playing at the Houston Skyline Theater. Tickets are the usual price. Friday and Saturday nights at 8 o'clock. And that's through October 15.

That is that powerful, powerful play about being gay in the Nazi concentration camp. The original was done on stage by Sal Mineo and Don Johnson many, many years ago, when Don Johnson was young.

EVELYN He was quite a character. I saw a couple of old movies with him, when he was a young, young man. And I'm
CARROLL: interested in seeing this play.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, it's really good.

EVELYN I clipped out something that caught my eye. There there was a miscellaneous ad in *OutSmart* recently, that is
CARROLL: titled "Lesbian Dates from Hell."

JIMMY CARPER: Oh boy!

EVELYN [LAUGHS] And we've all had them. Some are funny. Some are sad. Many involve U-Hauls. Oh boy, don't we know
CARROLL: that one. We all want to hear about your worst date ever. Send it to-- and there's an address here. LDH, Lesbian Dates from Hell, 1572 West Gray, number 294, Houston, 77019.

I also have an address here for Gay Pen Pals for Lesbian and Gay Youth. For instructions on joining the Alyson Letter Exchange Program, write to Letter Exchange, care of Alyson Publications, 40 Plympton Street, P-L-Y-M-P-T-O-N Street, Boston, Massachusetts, 02118. You must be 21 or younger to participate in the Gay Pen Pals for Youth.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, boy, they're serious about that, aren't they?

EVELYN They are. Jimmy, I don't know how you feel, but I want our listeners to know that my politics is no politics.
CARROLL:

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, that's pretty much me.

EVELYN I want the people to know that I don't play political games, and I don't buy into the PC garbage that's going
CARROLL: around.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, no. No, no. We were talking about that earlier. I'm not interested in the PC thing. I'm interested in everybody having a voice and having mutual respect. I think that's a hell of a lot more important.

EVELYN And speaking of mutual respect, I want to give Sarah a big pat on the back.
CARROLL:

JIMMY CARPER: Big Sarah G?

EVELYN Big Sarah G. Sarah did an awful lot of work for us.
CARROLL:

JIMMY CARPER: Mm-hmm.

EVELYN She works hard every week up here. She, especially, pulled me together this evening. We had a lot of technical
CARROLL: difficulties, and she made a very good production of a lot of tape. There's a lot of it on the floor, but a lot of it went over the air. Thank you very much, Sarah.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, OK. I look forward to you two working together. I think it can only get better.

EVELYN That's right.

CARROLL:

JIMMY CARPER: The production qualities will be improved as you two work together more. I like this going out and doing those interviews. That really sounded fun.

EVELYN We had a blast. We had a blast. It's fun to talk to people in the community.

CARROLL:

JIMMY CARPER: Good. Good. Glad you did that and hope you do some more of it.

EVELYN Mm-hmm.

CARROLL:

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, let's see. Oh boy, it's coming up on that very special time.

EVELYN And?

CARROLL:

JIMMY CARPER: And in the background, you're hearing that dyke band, Luscious Jackson, doing their latest called, "Here."

EVELYN Wow!

CARROLL:

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah. It's been fun.

EVELYN It's been real, and it's been fun.

CARROLL:

JIMMY CARPER: [LAUGHS] You've been listening to *After Hours*, a continuing tradition on KPFT Houston 90.1 FM. If you want to write to us, you can do that, care of KPFT, 419 Lovett Boulevard, Houston, 77006. Not just a zip code, a lifestyle.

EVELYN And attitude.

CARROLL:

JIMMY CARPER: I saw that shirt again. It's been years since I've seen that shirt, "77006 Not Just a Zip Code. A Lifestyle," over at T&T.

EVELYN Oh, I want it.

CARROLL:

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah. Yeah, yeah, yeah. Stay tuned for the "Carbon Dating Game" with Eric coming up next. And he is in the house.

EVELYN Eric in the house.

CARROLL:

JIMMY CARPER: And all you Matt groupies, he's here too, so you can start calling, 526-5738. Until next week-- let's see, what have we got going next week? Um, Scatisha, yes.

EVELYN Scatisha!

CARROLL:

JIMMY CARPER: Scatisha will be here doing her "Love Connection." Scott Lewis, who works for Charles Armstrong Associates, which is why we can bring you free tickets to Heaven every now and then. Because that's where the bitch works, OK? She'll be here next week, along with probably Big Daddy, Howard McHale, and doing a love connection. We know you like that, because the phones light up.

EVELYN That's right. There's women out there too.

CARROLL:

MATT: Hopefully, Michael will come back, and there will be a love connection.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, OK. Until then, have a great week, everybody. Bye.