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

That means standing up for yourself, taking responsibility for your own life, and being proud of who you are. Realistically, we 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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JEWEL GRAY: Ooh, how do you like that new opening we have? You've tuned in to *After Hours*. This is Jewel Gray. And I'm standing in-- standing in for Diane tonight.

JIMMY CARPER: And this is Jimmy Carper, and I'm standing in for I don't know who.

JEWEL GRAY: You're just standing in.

JIMMY CARPER: I'm just standing in.

JEWEL GRAY: Just a permanent stand in.

JIMMY CARPER: Actually, I'm sitting right now.

JEWEL GRAY: Yeah, there you go. Permanent stand in, sit-in. But Diane is out of town this weekend. What was it she was supposed to be doing?

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah, she's up to her in-laws.

JEWEL GRAY: Oh, that's right, again?

JIMMY CARPER: Karen-- well, I don't know--

JEWEL GRAY: What excuse is that?

JIMMY CARPER: No she didn't-- no, her--

JEWEL GRAY: Yeah, they went up last summer.

JIMMY CARPER: Really? I thought her mother-in-law came down here.

JEWEL GRAY: No, she-- I remember they went up because I was doing house sitting.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah, well--

JEWEL GRAY: I don't remember what.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, OK.

JEWEL GRAY: Yeah, they went up before. Anyway, there's no good excuse for not being here, Diane. Just wanted to get that in.

JIMMY CARPER: That's right.

JEWEL GRAY: Let's see, there's a lot of stuff going on tonight. I got some people out in the lobby waiting to get on here from team Houston.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, yeah, they're here already?

JEWEL GRAY: Yeah, well, one of them walked in a minute ago, and we'll be talking to people from team Houston. You know what team Houston is? Team Houston are the people we're sending up to the gay games in New York this summer. That's going to coincide with Stonewall 25 celebration. So there'll be a lot of people up there. I thought we'd talk a little bit with our representation.

JIMMY CARPER: We've talked about team Houston before because some of the members are on the bowling team that I bowl with, and--

JEWEL GRAY: Oh, boy, is that still Thursday night or Monday night?

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah.

JEWEL GRAY: Monday night is men, right?

JIMMY CARPER: Monday nights men, Thursday is mixed, and there's--

JEWEL GRAY: I used to bowl in a league.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah, we'll be talking about it. There's going to be a new one coming up on Sunday afternoon.

JEWEL GRAY: Oh, I'd like that.

JIMMY CARPER: And close in, inside the loop.

JEWEL GRAY: Over at the stadium, again?

JIMMY CARPER: I don't think-- it's in Bel Air.

JEWEL GRAY: I'd like to do-- I'd like to do that if it weren't for the timing. And Sundays, I have--

JIMMY CARPER: Sunday afternoon at around five.

JEWEL GRAY: I'd bowl more often. Anyway, so we're going to talk a little bit with team Houston. I also have Jean-Louis Armand coming down.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, I haven't seen him in a long time.

JEWEL GRAY: Oh, God, is he a big teddy bear, or what?

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah.

JEWEL GRAY: I really have great affection for Jean-Louis. I met Jean-Louis when I was doing my practicum at the Montrose Counseling Center. I did-- oh, God, million hours over there. And Jean-Louis was very supportive of me over there being kind of in the learning mode over there. It was very supportive, and along with several other people there kind of took me under the wing and showed me you know how this was done, and supported my time there.

And I was really pleased to make his acquaintance and his friendship. And Jean-Louis has just recently separated from the Montrose Counseling Center. I believe he's separated from there and is starting his own practice. So we're going to talk to him a little bit. When I called him, I wanted to talk a little bit about self-esteem and coming out, but then Jean-Louis and I talked a moment and he pointed out that his so-called specialty in the therapy field is talking about battering within the gay relationship.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, no kidding.

JEWEL GRAY: Violence and battery.

JIMMY CARPER: --said about that.

JEWEL GRAY: But it's very, very prevalent. I've run into a lot of people who just shrug it off and don't realize the magnitude of what they're saying about hitting someone inside a relationship or shoving, or that kind of stuff. So Jean-Louis is going to talk to us about battering in a relationship. If you know someone who is going through something like that, this would be a good time to call them and tell them to listen to the show.

I have a lot of respect for Jean-Louis and he will be offering us some information and perhaps some help and support along those lines. So I can't wait to talk to him a little bit. And guess who else is here?

JIMMY CARPER: Who?

JEWEL GRAY: You know who's here, don't even. Grant's out there. Grant. Grant's becoming the curmudgeon of the show, you know that. Grant's become the curmudgeon of the little--

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, absolutely, I remember his--

JEWEL GRAY: Grant Kilpatrick was here several weeks ago talking about his play of *Mice and Men*.

JIMMY CARPER: What a dynamo.

JEWEL GRAY: We had a lot of response to that. I mean, people called me the next day and said, hey, you need to get more of that man on the radio. Grant is over 70.

JIMMY CARPER: Right at 70 or something like that.

JEWEL GRAY: And an actor in town and he's doing a play this week--

JIMMY CARPER: He does so many other things too.

JEWEL GRAY: Oh, yes, oh, among those things, he's one of the gay Quakers in town.

JIMMY CARPER: Uh-huh.

Well, Well, he just started his own chair, business.

JEWEL GRAY: Yes, he just started his own chair for--

JIMMY CARPER: Stylist?

JEWEL GRAY: --stylist.

JIMMY CARPER: And does some volunteer work at Bering.

JEWEL GRAY: Yes, he does.

JIMMY CARPER: It makes me tired just listening to all this.

JEWEL GRAY: He makes a great Marlina Santa Claus, let me tell you.

JIMMY CARPER: Ah, yeah. I remember that.

JEWEL GRAY: But Grant's here to talk about his new play, *Entertaining Mr. Sloan* that opens March 25 and goes through April 16 on Friday and Saturday night nights at the Kuumba House.

JIMMY CARPER: Ah.

JEWEL GRAY: And we'll talk a little bit more about that and maybe talk a little bit more about some of the things that the gay Quakers are doing.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, yeah.

JEWEL GRAY: It's so interesting to me--

JIMMY CARPER: That's amazing.

JEWEL GRAY: --Quakers that are gay. I just never put that together until I met Grant. And he fills the slot perfectly, what I would imagine a gay Quaker to be. But he says they're very open and very supportive of him and the lifestyle. And so we'll talk a little bit with Grant later, too.

JIMMY CARPER: OK.

JEWEL GRAY: So there are a lot of things going on here tonight. One thing that we're going to talk briefly about is that we suffered another loss here this week. Polo Latimer, who was supposed to start with us next week, passed away the other day. And he's obviously not going to start with us next week.

But Polo was a unique individual, and we're going to talk a few minutes about that. We're going to save most of that and do a good homage for him next week. But we do want to acknowledge that and the life and passing of Polo tonight. And while we're at it-- [CHUCKLES]

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, no.

JEWEL GRAY: I'm just so miserable today. I had to put my cat to sleep yesterday. My cat, Dodger.

JIMMY CARPER: What a great cat, too.

JEWEL GRAY: And I am just miserable, I'm telling you. I've had him for 11 years, and he was through this lover and that lover. And he was always there and he had a very unique personality. He wouldn't take sh-- He wouldn't take--

JIMMY CARPER: [LAUGHS]

JEWEL GRAY: --HE wouldn't take anything off anybody.

JIMMY CARPER: He wouldn't take it from anybody, wouldn't he?

JEWEL GRAY: He wouldn't take anything off anybody. Boy he'd turn around and bite you in a heartbeat.

JIMMY CARPER: That's exactly right. When he wanted to be petted, he was available. And then when he was finished--

JEWEL GRAY: He'd bite you and let you know.

JIMMY CARPER: --that was it. But what a neat cat, a cat's cat.

JEWEL GRAY: I'm really, really heartbroken.

JIMMY CARPER: And you've had him for how long?

JEWEL GRAY: 11 years, I'm really heartbroken. And anybody's out there had that special relationship with a pet and had to lose it will know where I'm at tonight. I'm feeling alone in the world. I don't know what it is.

You take that helpless, defenseless animal. You feel like you're there for--

JIMMY CARPER: Who?

JEWEL GRAY: My cat.

JIMMY CARPER: Dodger, oh, really. Sorry [LAUGHS]

JEWEL GRAY: Well, you should have seen him sick laying there just cuddled up in my little cradle in my arms. I felt so bad. And I just couldn't do anything. There was no chance he was going to get better. And it was just going to be more miserable.

JIMMY CARPER: That's a really tough decision to make.

JEWEL GRAY: And I had to have him put down. The vet and I cried. I love a vet who cries. And these people over at the West Alabama Animal Clinic were so supportive and so empathetic with me yesterday. It was a lot of help for them to be there and to be as supportive as they were during this decision.

JIMMY CARPER: That's a very tough decision because you're in control over a life here.

JEWEL GRAY: That's right. Yeah.

JIMMY CARPER: And--

JEWEL GRAY: You have to make quality judgments.

JIMMY CARPER: --selfishly, you want to keep that life going as long as possible. And you have to think, well, hey, but what about on the other side here?

JEWEL GRAY: Right.

JIMMY CARPER: That was just--

JEWEL GRAY: It would have been a pretty miserable existence. And I'm definitely a quality of life versus quantity of life person. And so I'm pretty miserable tonight and probably will be for some time.

The loss of Polo has really been pretty-- so if I sound a little different tonight, it's been a really tough couple of days for me.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, no kidding.

JEWEL GRAY: Let's see. But what we can do is play a little music here. Let me talk to people out in the lobby and get with the Team Houston and we're going to do some pink.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, we are.

JEWEL GRAY: Some pink-colored Pink.

JIMMY CARPER: I really like this album.

JEWEL GRAY: Yeah. I see that's catching on.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah. *Hush* the drama. Every time I pick up a publication, I see where it's been reviewed and quite favorably. Always.

I don't listen to a lot of the other stations, but there's something we can do as a group because Pink has always been in the gay and lesbian corner. I know all of you out there listen to other radio stations. You don't just listen to *KPFT*. You listen to the real popular ones, the ones that know if you took, what, 125 and subtracted 21 from it you get that radio station--

[LAUGHTER]

--there you go-- you can call them up and say, Hey, play some Pink. Beautiful body. It's the big one that, the big dance tune that Pink is pushing. And there's great other ones on this-- call that station and say play some Pink. We want to hear Pink.

JEWEL GRAY: Or any station.

JIMMY CARPER: That's right. Pink was at Sam Goody signing CDs last weekend and probably--

JEWEL GRAY: Oh, I'm sorry I missed that.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah, probably will be elsewhere, too. But hey, and if you listen to other radio stations, give them a call and say, hey, play some Pink. We want to hear some Pink.

And what I want to do is play my favorite Pink, which is a good message for the gay and lesbian community. It's called *Give and Take*. Are you ready?

JEWEL GRAY: It sounds like old Diana Ross song.

JIMMY CARPER: Well, just listen to these words.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

OK, gang, now here's the one for you to call those big stations up and request. It's Pink and it is called *Beautiful Body*.

[MUSIC - PINK, "BEAUTIFUL BODY"]

WOMAN: How pleased I am to make your acquaintance.

JEWEL GRAY: OK, we're back. And we're back with Team Houston. This is Jewel Gray. You're listening to *After Hours*. And we're sitting here with Bobby and PJ from Team Houston, and they're going to talk to us a little about Team Houston.

Most of you, some of you, will not know-- no, that's mine. I get to keep this. You get the pen bag. I have to settle this. He's taking my pen. No.

And a lot of people don't know exactly what Team Houston is. Do you want to tell us what Team Houston is?

BOBBY: Sure.

JEWEL GRAY: Move this just a little bit closer.

BOBBY: Team Houston, we're the people that are going to New York City this year, June 18 through the 25th, to compete in Gay Games Cultural Festival. Hopefully, going to take about 150 athletes and cultural festival participants from Houston.

There are 31 different sports, a whole range of cultural activities, band concerts, choir concerts. And we're the people from Houston going.

JEWEL GRAY: Great. How has team Houston-- I mean, where does this come from? Where did it start? How long has it been--

BOBBY: Well, this is the fourth Gay Games. The first Gay Games was in 1982. The Gay Games are just like the Olympics. We just can't use that Olympic word because the US Olympic Committee won't let us.

JEWEL GRAY: We tried though, didn't we?

BOBBY: Yeah we tried. Actually, the first two, we used the name, but--

JEWEL GRAY: I remember the controversy. Yeah.

BOBBY: --we were sued, and they won't let us use it anymore, so they call them The Games. And Team Houston has-- actually, people from Houston have always called themselves Team Houston.

We haven't really formally had a group. We just became incorporated actually last year as Team Houston in September of last year. We also are in the process of filing our 501(c)(3) to become a non-profit organization.

JEWEL GRAY: And you said you have 31 different sports represented in your 150 people that are going.

BOBBY: We don't have anybody in every sport. There are a few sports such as ice hockey. And I think another thing is--

JEWEL GRAY: Yeah, from Houston. [CHUCKLES]

BOBBY: Exactly. Houston's not a big ice hockey--

JEWEL GRAY: Jamaican bobsled team.

BOBBY: Yeah, right.

[LAUGHTER]

We're not a big ice hockey city yet. And of course, we're going to have the Arrows here, so--

JEWEL GRAY: Yeah, they're going to be working on that.

BOBBY: But we're working on trying to get someone in most sports. We have people who are going to play table tennis. And we're going to have--

PJ: Flag football.

BOBBY: Flag football. Yeah, the flag football.

JEWEL GRAY: Oh, great. I didn't realize flag football. I had a friend who went to the Games in LA and was in billiards or pool. I'm not sure which one. Mitch who played pool with the team. And I can't think of Mitch's first or last-- I mean, that's her last name. I can't think of her first--

WOMAN: Her name is Mitch and she goes by Mitch Mitchell.

JEWEL GRAY: Mitch Mitchell. Yeah. Mitch and I used to work together--

WOMAN: She and I played on the team together.

JEWEL GRAY: She what?

WOMAN: Mitch and I played on the same team together in San Francisco.

JEWEL GRAY: Oh, cool. Well, then that's my picture of the games is knowing Mitch going to the Games. So not very, because I remember when she was going it was a lot smaller group, and it seemed like there was a lot of struggling going on, and that perhaps the Team Houston was not going to be the success that they had wanted it to be. It sounds like with 150 people now, give or take.

BOBBY: We keep growing every time. The first Gay Games, I think there were only about four or five people from Houston that actually competed in San Francisco the first time.

JEWEL GRAY: Well, tell me how this works, the Games. I mean, that's something that we're going to be hearing and seeing a lot of about this year, the Games and the Stonewall thing that's going to be going on at the same time, isn't it? The same time, isn't it?

BOBBY: Their Stonewall is the day after the games closed on June 26.

JEWEL GRAY: So we're going to be hearing a lot about that. Probably more media this time than has been before because it's going to be on the heels of the Stonewall celebration. Tell me how you get to be on Team Houston. Tell me how you decide that this person who plays billiards or pool goes to the games.

BOBBY: Sure. The Gay Games, the whole philosophy behind the Gay Games is inclusion. Anyone can compete in the gay games that wants to compete. There are no qualifying trials. You don't have to do anything pre the games to qualify for it.

All you have to do is we want to go to the games and compete. So if someone decides that they want to go play billiards in the games, or they want to go bowl the games, they can do it. A few of the sports do have you have-- in bowling you have to have a handicap score, which you have to get through the Bowling League. I don't know, as billiards, do you all have a--

PJ: No. Billiards, anybody can go. We have a group, HPIT, that is a fundraising organization that helps send these particular athletes to the games which we've done for the past seven years. But anybody that wants to go, we can put them on teams, or you can play individual, whichever it is you want to do.

JEWEL GRAY: So this is different because a lot of people will have the picture-- Gay Games, they'll have the picture of the kind of setup like the Olympics where you go through trials. And each level, you increase the power and mastery of the people that are competing against you every time you win that level of power and things get a little bit harder so that what they get is cream of the crop. What you're telling us that we get anybody who wants to participate.

BOBBY: Anybody. Any age group. Actually, the games has different age group competitions so that people in the same age group are competing against each other. And when you're at the games, you're watching the competition, and there are some really good people competing, and there are some people who can tell probably have never swam in a 100 meter swim before and this is their first time.

But everyone's competing. And the person that comes in last gets as much applause as the person who comes in first. And actually, in 1990 in Vancouver, there was a guy who was a gold medal Olympian in the Olympics in Los Angeles that set a world record at the Gay Games that went into the record books as a world record--

JEWEL GRAY: How neat.

BOBBY: --in breaststroke set at the Gay Games because it was officially sanctioned by the Amateur Athletic Association.

JEWEL GRAY: So with this kind of setup, it would seem that maybe you would have some really esoteric type of sports represented. Can you think of something that would be-- I mean, I can just imagine like probably one gay javelin thrower showing up.

[LAUGHTER]

BOBBY: Actually, the track and field events, they do have javelin and all sorts of track and field. They do things-- they have the regular events like swimming and diving. And then they also have golf.

PJ: So a new one this time is the inline skating.

BOBBY: Inline skating, which has become real popular--

JEWEL GRAY: Inline skating.

BOBBY: The roller blade--

JEWEL GRAY: Is that like the whip?

[LAUGHTER]

BOBBY: Yeah. Everyone does the whip in Central Park this time. But inline skating, which has become real popular, which it's like rollerblading, they're going to have competitions in that.

They'll have squash. Of course, the popular ones are volleyball. Bowling's always real popular at the games. Billiards is usually fairly popular.

JEWEL GRAY: Well, this must be a monstrous organizational headache, trying to get people together from all around the country.

BOBBY: It is. They're expecting 15,000 athletes in New York City for all. This they have venues from all across New York City. They'll have them over in Queens, Brooklyn. They're going to have all sorts of events everywhere, all over. The opening and closing ceremonies are going to be in the stadium at Columbia University.

JEWEL GRAY: How neat. It's a great place.

BOBBY: Yeah.

JEWEL GRAY: So how does Team Houston get to New York this summer?

BOBBY: You want to tell them how we're going to get there?

[LAUGHTER]

Basically, we're all paying our--

JEWEL GRAY: We don't have General Mills or Nike to support us to get there, sponsors.

BOBBY: Exactly. Exactly.

JEWEL GRAY: How is Team Houston going to get there?

PJ: Basically, we do fundraisers throughout. And now there's a real push on to get as much money as we can in the next few months. And with that-- but everyone, individually, has to go ahead and pay for their travel and their rooms. And most people have that pretty well paid for at this point.

JEWEL GRAY: So everybody's responsible for their own trip there.

PJ: Yes.

BOBBY: As a team, we contacted a travel agency and we put together a travel package. And we tried to get a good price for everyone to go. Trying to be a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, we can't benefit our members. A trip to New York would be considered a benefit.

So in order to maintain a non-profit status, we can't do that. So what we did though was go to a travel agency six, eight months ago and said, give us your best deal to go to the games. And we put that together, and we got a pretty good air flight and hotel and gave people enough notice that they could do a payment-type situation. And people have started doing that. And most everyone's pretty much got their trips paid for by now.

JEWEL GRAY: So what happens with the money that you raise in your fundraising? I mean, you buy supplies for athletes or--

BOBBY: What we're trying to do is have everyone in matching uniforms as we march in the opening and closing ceremonies.

PJ: Plus, everybody will have a duffel bag. And it'll have different things in it-- a cap, some condoms.

[LAUGHTER]

BOBBY: We had a--

PJ: The girls will blow them up--

JEWEL GRAY: They'll be real popular here. Condoms from Texas.

PJ: [LAUGHS]

BOBBY: We had a drug company donate 3,000 condoms with our logo on them to Team Houston.

JEWEL GRAY: [LAUGHS]

BOBBY: And they'll have a water bottle--

JEWEL GRAY: Oh, that's going to be a fun weekend.

[LAUGHTER]

BOBBY: Of course, all the women, they are like, oh, what are we going to do with these?

JEWEL GRAY: What are we going to do with these?

[LAUGHTER]

Oh, yeah. Well, you've got a couple of these fundraisers coming up. It looks like March the 20th, which is, what, tomorrow.

BOBBY: Tomorrow.

PJ: We have a car wash going on at Basic Brothers driveway.

JEWEL GRAY: From 11:00 in the morning to 5:00 in the afternoon?

PJ: Yes. And we encourage anyone who wants their car washed to come out, and we'd appreciated it.

JEWEL GRAY: You've got any of that gooey bug shit?

[LAUGHTER]

I'll be writing about that one for a long time. Get the paperwork out, I'll start now. If you got any of that bug goo on your car--

PJ: [LAUGHS]

BOBBY: Actually, we want people with clean cars to come by.

JEWEL GRAY: That's right.

BOBBY: Just give us \$5.

JEWEL GRAY: [LAUGHS] Oh, we'll have to run that one back and make sure I said it.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah--

JEWEL GRAY: OK, April--

JIMMY CARPER: --we'll edit that one out.

JEWEL GRAY: OK, April 8, Table at JR's selling raffle tickets. What are you going to raffle off?

PJ: One of the big things with that is if anybody would like to go to the games and doesn't have the money, one of the major raffle prize on that is a round trip ticket and hotel to the games.

JEWEL GRAY: Great.

BOBBY: So it's a free trip to the games for a \$2 raffle ticket.

JEWEL GRAY: Well, that'd be great. Maybe I need to do that. Almost won the motorcycle at Gentry's. And April 9, you have another car wash. Boy, you guys are going to be real popular around here with these car washes at Heaven from 11:00 to 5:00. Heaven's going to love that. April 16, another car wash at Fiesta and Dunlavy at West Alabama from 11:00 to 5:00.

You guys got some signs out? I mean, some big signs out. You guys will be drawing them in from the freeway. May 13, Table at JR's selling this-- are these the same raffle tickets?

BOBBY: Same raffle tickets.

JEWEL GRAY: And May 14, car wash at Heaven's from 11:00 to 5:00. And raffle at JR's in Santa Fe?

BOBBY: That's when we're drawing the winning ticket is on the 14 at JR's in the Santa Fe. That's a Saturday night.

JEWEL GRAY: OK, so you got some fundraising going on for your events. Oh, OK, ignore me, he says.

JIMMY CARPER: You talk, I'll write.

JEWEL GRAY: OK, you write. But I'm interested in what you'd like to see Team Houston be. I mean, we know what it is today. What would you like it to be? What do you want it to be happening in the future? You're incorporating, obviously.

BOBBY: We've incorporated and we are getting our 501(c)(3). We're trying to make Team Houston a year-round effort to encourage participation in gay sports every year. The games only come around every four years.

So what's happened recently is everyone gets really hyped up about six months out before the games. The games come, they go. And then everything dies down for about three years. And then we start gearing back up again for the games. The 1998 games are going to be in Amsterdam.

JEWEL GRAY: Oh, wonderful.

BOBBY: So what we really like to do is have Team Houston become a year-round organization. We can be active every year. And on the off years, we can encourage participation in other gay sports, locally.

There's all sorts of bowling tournaments that happen here. And we have a big nationwide volleyball tournament that's going to be here on Easter weekend.

JEWEL GRAY: Oh, I can't stand to watch volleyball.

[LAUGHTER]

BOBBY: But there are a lot of things that happen in gay sports in Houston. And as a Team Houston, we would like to be there to help promote those things and also maybe raise a little bit of funds for our team during that time so that we don't have to raise all our money in six months.

JEWEL GRAY: And you just said something that I don't think we really made perfectly clear-- I don't recall it-- that this is an international coming together of gay athletes. And every time it happens internationally, you said that you were going to be in Amsterdam. And I thought, I don't think we made that clear that this is an international collection of gay athletes.

BOBBY: There are supposed to be representatives from 41 countries at the Gay Games.

JEWEL GRAY: 41 countries.

BOBBY: And the closing ceremonies on the 25th of June, all those people will still be here for the 26th, which is Stonewall, which there's going to be people on the 26th from every country. And I think in the world, they're trying to get people for-- they're calling this the international march on the United Nations on the 26th for Stonewall.

JEWEL GRAY: I got a note here that said they wanted to know more about the donations for the gay gangs.

[LAUGHTER]

PJ: Well, we've been known as a gang before.

[LAUGHTER]

JEWEL GRAY: The Team Houston, TH gang. How can people donate to or sponsor or connect with someone about doing that?

BOBBY: Well, everyone can be a member of Team Houston. Even though you're not going to the games, you can still join our team. And we have several different membership levels. Can you tell them about our different membership levels? You don't remember?

[LAUGHTER]

PJ: Well, the first one is the easiest one. That's \$15 for a membership. And you do get a newsletter that comes out once a month. And what that does is tell you everything that's going on that we're aware of.

And of course, the closer we get to the games, we have everything that's going to be happening there where, when, and how. Bobby and I also do a co-chair corner to try and get people to pay attention and listen and be a part of the team and come out and help us raise the funds that we need for our fundraisers. Then the second level is--

BOBBY: So we have a bronze level, silver, gold, and then torchbearer, which torchbearers are people, mostly have been corporate sponsors, people who can give a large sum of money, \$200 or over.

And you get different things in the different levels. Some levels you get a t-shirt. It's kind of like KPFT, how you raise money. The more money you get, the better stuff you get.

JEWEL GRAY: Do you have a phone number where people can get a hold of you?

BOBBY: Sure. We have a Team Houston line. It's 621-5300. And it has an answering machine on. It's answered all times of the day. Sometimes I'll pick it up. Sometimes I won't. [LAUGHS]

JEWEL GRAY: And I have an address here. Is this a good address? PO box 66405?

BOBBY: Yeah, 66405. Houston, Texas 77266.

JEWEL GRAY: 266-6405. OK, we're in there. Oh, there it is, the phone number, too. See, you must come down here and done a show with Scott, huh?

BOBBY: No.

JEWEL GRAY: No? I was just wondering. And there are a lot of things. Looks like you are selling T-shirts?

BOBBY: Yeah, we do--

PJ: I have one on.

BOBBY: We have--

JEWEL GRAY: Yeah, it's a beautiful shirt.

BOBBY: --T-shirts and--

JEWEL GRAY: I like this--

PJ: Can they see this through the room?

JEWEL GRAY: I like the torch. Well, believe me, the torch is lit.

BOBBY: The T-shirts are available at Basic Brothers. So anyone that is interested in helping support the team in another way, they can go buy T-shirt at Basic Brothers. Just go in there and ask them. They have them on display there for us.

JEWEL GRAY: Great, I was looking at some of the names I see on here, people that I recognize. And look at this sports. Judo, squash, racquetball, tennis, triathlon. Ooh, I like triathlon.

BOBBY: I'm playing badminton.

PJ: [CHUCKLES]

JEWEL GRAY: Oh, really?

BOBBY: Why does everyone laugh every time I say? I don't understand.

JEWEL GRAY: Really? I think badminton is totally underrated, I really do.

BOBBY: I think so, too.

JEWEL GRAY: It's almost like cricket. It's underrated. There's a certain art to the sport.

BOBBY: Exactly.

JEWEL GRAY: And if you don't appreciate the art, you just can't appreciate the sport.

WOMAN: I guess it's because Bobby looks like-- I mean, he has the physique he could do javelin throwing or discuss throwing or something like that.

JEWEL GRAY: Badminton. Hey, you've got to have great upper body strength. To do this for all the practice makes necessary.

I mean that, I've always been a badminton fan. And I've watched tournaments that come around. You'd be surprised what kind of little esoteric things go on in the community, but I've watched tournaments here in town.

BOBBY: Well, we're going to promote the playing of badminton from now on.

JEWEL GRAY: Cool. See names like, of course, Hunt and More. They seem to be in here. Connie is doing logistics.

BOBBY: Yeah, Connie is on our logistics committee. And Debbie is our legal counsel. She's helping us get our 501(c)(3). And she's been really, really helpful with us.

JEWEL GRAY: Well, I'm really glad you guys could come out. Is there anything else you'd like to-- here's your chance to just beat your own drums here.

JIMMY CARPER: Why don't we give that address again so people can write and get more information.

JEWEL GRAY: Well, I want to do that and then we'll do it again later. PO Box 66405, Houston, Texas 77266-6405. Or you can call, for more information, 621-5300 and somebody will get back to you.

BOBBY: And the deadline for registration for the Gay Games is March 31. The first deadline was December 31 of '93. So they are in late registration right now.

PJ: They're going to extend that also, I heard.

BOBBY: I've been talking with New York. And there is a late fee, a \$50 late fee since you haven't registered yet. But if you register through Team Houston before March 31, they will take \$25 off of that.

So if anyone would like to register for the games that hasn't registered yet, they can call us for a registration booklet. And we can get them registered through us and save them \$25.

JEWEL GRAY: Great. Well, it's been a real pleasure for y'all to be down here. I want you to come back after we've brought some medals back. And share with us the results and let us know how it went for you.

BOBBY: We'll come back with all our gold medals around our necks.

JEWEL GRAY: We may even make a setup for you. Maybe you could tape something that gets real exciting for us up there.

BOBBY: Sure.

JEWEL GRAY: That would be really neat, just a regular old tape. We could do that, could we?

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah, yeah.

JEWEL GRAY: Just a regular old tape on a regular old tape recorder. But in the meantime, what we want to do is support Team Houston. And once again, you can call 621-5300 to support Team Houston going to the Gay Games in New York. And you can support them.

If you don't want to call, you can support them by showing up at one of their car washes tomorrow at Basic Brothers on April 9 at Heaven, at April 16 at Fiesta on Dunlavy and at April 14 at Heaven.

And in between on April 8, they're going to sell raffle tickets at JR's and 13th, raffle tickets at JR's. They're going to make the drawing on the 13th at JR's.

WOMAN: May 13.

JEWEL GRAY: Oh, sorry, May 13. May 13. Sure enough, it says they're right there in big four-letter words there.

JIMMY CARPER: [LAUGHS]

JEWEL GRAY: Hey, I really appreciate you coming down here. You got some music for us?

JIMMY CARPER: I do. Bobby and PJ have been talking about going east to New York. But by request, we have The Pet Shop Boys telling you to go west.

BOBBY: Go west.