

JEWEL GRAY: --or not. He's going to be able to know you've had some kind of penetration. The other thing is that there's something about straight sex that somehow protects women. That lesbians are not having it, makes them higher risk for either ovarian cancer or cervical cancer, I can't remember which one. But lesbians are a higher risk because they don't have--

JIMMY CARPER: I think it's because they don't have children.

JEWEL GRAY: No, this was just plain--

JIMMY CARPER: Don't have--

JEWEL GRAY: --just don't have the--

JIMMY CARPER: --penile sex.

JEWEL GRAY: Right. They don't have the penile sex.

BOBBY: Wow.

JEWEL GRAY: And that was really weird. That was really weird.

CHRIS: That's weird, I've never heard that

JEWEL GRAY: And I tried to figure out-- well, first, by myself, I tried to figure out-- because this is something I heard one morning on one program or something. And I went looking to see if I could find the information about this. And all I could really find was something about sperm and something about--

**JANINE
BRUNJES:** Really?

JEWEL GRAY: --yeah, the sperm, and the hormones in the sperm, and something, blah, blah, blah. And, frankly, I don't remember all of it. Somebody else knows. And we got a nurse or a doctor out there would like to call and give us--

**JANINE
BRUNJES:** Well, I'm a nurse. No, I'm a nurse, you know? I didn't tell you?

JEWEL GRAY: No, I didn't know.

**JANINE
BRUNJES:** Yeah. I don't know that piece. But I think it'd be fun to follow that up and find out what the actual--

JEWEL GRAY: Yeah, it would be a lot of fun.

**JANINE
BRUNJES:** --chemical. That doesn't ring to me, but that doesn't mean anything. I mean, I'm not, certainly, a specialist.

JEWEL GRAY: Not a gynecological nurse?

JANINE No, I'm not. [LAUGHS]

BRUNJES:

JEWEL GRAY: But it's important to tell your gynecologist.

JANINE I'm a gerontological. nurse.

BRUNJES:

JIMMY CARPER: Oh.

JEWEL GRAY: It's a very important thing to tell your doctor--

JIMMY CARPER: So I'll be seeing you.

[LAUGHTER]

JEWEL GRAY: --that you're gay. And if that doctor treats you different, find another one. I mean, that person is--

JIMMY CARPER: Absolutely

JEWEL GRAY: --no more, no less than the guy that gives you a hamburger at McDonald's. You want a service, you pay them to give you the service.

JANINE Well, and you want to be out.

BRUNJES:

JEWEL GRAY: If they're ugly to you at McDonald's, go to Wendy's.

JANINE You want to be out, too--

BRUNJES:

JEWEL GRAY: That's right.

JANINE --because we a physician-patient confidence there. So you're free to be out. And if you're treated any differently,
BRUNJES: make another selection.

JEWEL GRAY: That's right.

JIMMY CARPER: How about going to the Montrose Clinic?

JEWEL GRAY: Or call the Gay and Lesbian Switchboard, who has numbers for a lot of different situations.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes, a lot of doctors who want our business, yes.

JEWEL GRAY: And who not only just want our business, but are aware enough to be self-trained to know the things that are necessary that make our world a little bit different.

JANINE Oh, we've got several very friendly physicians in the community that would take really good care of you.

BRUNJES:

JEWEL GRAY: Well, I take advantage of the Lesbian Health Fair at the clinic.

JANINE Yeah, oh yeah.

BRUNJES:

JIMMY CARPER: You bet.

JEWEL GRAY: --Clinic.

JIMMY CARPER: You bet.

JEWEL GRAY: I was so thrilled to have that because I just couldn't afford a mammogram last year. And I was getting to that age-- I'm 47 this year, just my birthday.

BOBBY: Happy birthday.

JANINE Today?

BRUNJES:

JIMMY CARPER: When was your birthday?

JEWEL GRAY: The 28th.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh my God.

BOBBY: Well, happy birthday.

JANINE You're a Pisces or an Aries?

BRUNJES:

JEWEL GRAY: Pisces.

JANINE Oh, boy.

BRUNJES:

JEWEL GRAY: Yeah, a big dreamer. But last year, I guess it was early spring-- I don't remember when it was-- but I saw that they were listed. Somebody put it on Handnet. So I called up, and I think her name is Barbara over there. Brenda or Barbara. Probably Barbara--

JANINE Oh, Barbara.

BRUNJES:

JIMMY CARPER: --Barbara Walker.

JEWEL GRAY: Yes. I talked to her--

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah, Walker. And she--

JANINE Walker--

BRUNJES:

JEWEL GRAY: --made me an appointment.

JANINE --definitely not Walters.

BRUNJES:

JEWEL GRAY: And I went down there. And all I really was concerned about was a mammogram. Because I've got a history. My family, my mother had a mastectomy. I had two aunts pass away from breast cancer.

JANINE Well, you've got it in the family.

BRUNJES:

JEWEL GRAY: [CLEARS THROAT] I've got a history.

JANINE You have got to watch that.

BRUNJES:

JEWEL GRAY: So it's something I like to try to do as often as I can. But while I was there, I went ahead and had a pap smear. I went ahead, they gave me a pelvic exam. And even though I knew without question that I didn't need it, I went ahead and took an HIV test.

JANINE That's always a good bill--

BRUNJES:

JIMMY CARPER: That way you have a basis.

JEWEL GRAY: Right.

JANINE Well, there's been some controversy about that frequency of mammography. But I'm still with a school that says, over 40, you have it annually.

BRUNJES:

Yep. And you have your pap smear--

JEWEL GRAY: I believe that.

JANINE --and a well woman exam every year.

BRUNJES:

JEWEL GRAY: Well, really, I was thrilled with the people there. I was thrilled with-- the only part I was not thrilled with in the situation was that when they had the test results, they sent them to me at the house, except for the HIV test, which you have to go down there and get, which was tough for me to come back and go, just to get-- and then when I explained to them, the young man who came out to give me-- who wanted me to sit down and have me giving some little counseling before he would tell me the results-- and I told him I was in a hurry-- got ugly with me. And I explained to him, young man, I'd been doing this since you were in grade school. You don't need to talk to me about HIV prevention.

JIMMY CARPER: I need to interje--

JEWEL GRAY: Please just give me the no, let me go.

[LAUGHTER]

Actually, I need for Chris to interject something in here for his next show. Because that's coming up the first Saturday in April.

CHRIS: Yes. It's something I've been wanting to do for a couple of years. And we finally got everything to work correctly. We're going to be doing a special on demystifying the HIV test. And part of it is going to be including, you're going to sit in, as the listening audience, and hear an HIV test being done, the pre-screening and the results.

JIMMY CARPER: And it's going to be yours.

CHRIS: Yes.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes, and then the results come up.

CHRIS: And it will be live. I will not know the results. It's going to be opened up, read on air, for everyone to hear. And then we're going to find out what to do after I hear those. You'll also hear--

**JANINE
BRUNJES:** That's great.

CHRIS: --what happens if you get the opposite results. Because there's a lot of people out there who will go and get the test done, but are afraid to get the results. But there's a lot of people who don't want to get the test done because they don't know what they have to say. So we're going to bring it to you on the air, live. And we're going to do in two weeks--

JIMMY CARPER: Two weeks.

CHRIS: --April the 4th slash 5th, I believe it is. And that's what we're going to be doing on the *After Hours News and Views* magazine segment.

JIMMY CARPER: And I think it's the first time ever that this has been done. And I'm really thrilled that Chris has--

BOBBY: Wow.

JIMMY CARPER: --volunteered to do this.

JEWEL GRAY: Is he going to the clinic to get the test?

JIMMY CARPER: It's going to be done right here in the studio.

JEWEL GRAY: Well, are the clinic people going to do it?

JIMMY CARPER: Yes.

CHRIS: Yeah, it's going to be the Montrose Clinic. And we're using Robert--

JIMMY CARPER: Robert? Yeah.

CHRIS: --who does the testing over at the Lesbian and Gay Community Center.

JIMMY CARPER: Every Wednesday night.

CHRIS: And Monday nights, quite often. And they're doing HIV and syphilis testing, from 6:00 to 9:00.

JEWEL GRAY: And that's with the-- I'm sorry, go ahead.

CHRIS: Yeah, over at the Community Center at 803 Hawthorn. And so, actually--

JIMMY CARPER: And a lot of people go there. Because I'm there every Wednesday night.

CHRIS: And so I'm actually going on Monday. And we're going to be doing the preliminary work so that we get the results back for the show. And like I said, we're going to have the actual results. But we're going to reenact. Unlike what Connie Chung did several years ago, we're going to tell you in advance. The first half is a reenactment. But when I receive the results, it will be live. And it is my first AIDS test--

JIMMY CARPER: Oh.

CHRIS: --ever.

JANINE Great.

BRUNJES:

CHRIS: And so--

JANINE That's great.

BRUNJES:

CHRIS: --I'm sharing it with everyone, for some reason. But we think it's something that will be a dramatic part that'll let everyone get a chance to see what it involves.

JANINE Sure.

BRUNJES:

CHRIS: And some of the stuff we're working on for the show and later on.

JEWEL GRAY: Well, I want to encourage people that if you need to health care, to get a hold of the people at the Clinic.

JIMMY CARPER: You bet.

JEWEL GRAY: The Lesbian Health Fair is wonderful. It didn't cost me anything. They were very gentle and very aware of the kind of thing that it is. It's kind of debasing to get in there and to such some strangers look in your tureen. And so, they were very neat about that. Not only did I get a mammogram, the doctor that came in and gave me my pap smear also gave me a quick couple of squeezes, which I kind of liked.

[LAUGHTER]

JANINE Well.

BRUNJES:

JEWEL GRAY: She was really cute.

[LAUGHTER]

She was really cute.

BOBBY: Mm.

JEWEL GRAY: But what she did was a physical feeling to make sure.

[LAUGHTER]

JANINE [INAUDIBLE] she had a Jewel.

BRUNJES:

JEWEL GRAY: I don't know. But I want I want lesbians out there--

[JIMMY LAUGHS]

--to know that it was very comfortable, very nice. And it's something that I really--

JANINE Enjoy.

BRUNJES:

JEWEL GRAY: --am hesitant-- yes, I did enjoy it.

[LAUGHTER]

But I'm usually very hesitant about doing it--

CHRIS: She says, my networks.

JEWEL GRAY: And it relieved me to know that everything turned out all right. And you're right, that if you're over 40, you should have a mammogram, and you should have a pap smear regularly.

And it's not--you know,--

And at least get something done now so that you have something, like said a while ago, a control, so they can see if anything changes. And it doesn't mean that if you go in and have this pap smear or mammogram, because they show something, that you've necessarily got some kind of cancer. It's just that they can recognize any changes. You might just have, in your breast, some cysts--

JANINE And you want them to, really.

BRUNJES:

JEWEL GRAY: --that are non-cancerous. Right.

JANINE You want it to be that sensitive.

BRUNJES:

JEWEL GRAY: Yeah, so they were--

JIMMY CARPER: So--

JEWEL GRAY: --really cool.

JIMMY CARPER: --what's going on in the mayor's office?

JANINE Well-- Yeah, I didn't want to have you on--
BRUNJES:

JEWEL GRAY: Let's just jump from sex to the mayor's office.

JIMMY CARPER: I know, I know.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

JEWEL GRAY: --the mayor' office.

JANINE This is like *Spin City* or something.
BRUNJES:

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

JIMMY CARPER: But, you know what, we don't get a chance to get you on the air that often, I know, because it's really late.

JANINE Well, Jim, and I appreciate the invitation.
BRUNJES:

JEWEL GRAY: But she probably got a date.

JANINE No date, no date tonight. But, really, things are really quiet right now.
BRUNJES:

JEWEL GRAY: Yeah, after the storm.

JANINE They really are. I have to tell you. When I first was appointed last January and got baptized by fire with the
BRUNJES: whole-- it wasn't really a debate. But the mayor was going to go in on domestic partner. The gay community said no. Let's go in with nondiscrimination. We want an non-discrimination ordinance. And then we came up on the horrific battle and lost only by two points--

JIMMY CARPER: I know--

JANINE --domestic partner--
BRUNJES:

JIMMY CARPER: --incredible.

JANINE --or Prop 2, rather. We really can't fight that again till November 3, you know '03.
BRUNJES:

JIMMY CARPER: But you've been so high profile with all of this going on.

JEWEL GRAY: And, frankly, I didn't like the guy who had your job before. I didn't feel comfortable with him. I didn't feel like he was really connected to us. I just never got that sense.

JANINE Really?

BRUNJES:

JEWEL GRAY: I did not get--

JANINE Well,

BRUNJES:

JEWEL GRAY: --that sense for me.

JANINE --I didn't really know him. And I understand that he was more of the research nature. He was a little bit
BRUNJES: introverted, as compared-- it's not that I'm not a research type. I like to study things and whatnot. But I'm more of an extrovert, I think. And when I went into interview with the mayor, I asked him what the job description was. And he said, Janine, you can make this whatever. It's going to be different for everybody who serves.

JIMMY CARPER: And you're serving for no money, right?

JANINE Right.

BRUNJES:

JIMMY CARPER: Free--

JANINE Right

BRUNJES:

JIMMY CARPER: --yeah.

JANINE And the visibility has been a--

BRUNJES:

JEWEL GRAY: Let's take up a collection.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes.

JANINE --visibility is an interesting thing, isn't it? We all have it one way or another.

BRUNJES:

JEWEL GRAY: Well, to me, the whole idea of liaison between the mayor's office and the gay and lesbian, bisexual, transgender community-- how about that?

[LAUGHTER]

--is to be seen. I mean, how can you be a liaison if nobody knows who you are?

JANINE Well, right. And I told the mayor, I said-- and that's why I do and I want to plug this, that those mayoral, my
BRUNJES: roundtables for the community have moved to the--

JIMMY CARPER: Because that's changed, yeah.

JANINE BRUNJES: --third Thursday at 7:00 at the Community Center. And the reason we did that was because originally, I had those roundtables at 5:00. And that was just too early for everybody. But the basic setup is that anybody who feels as though they speak for a constituency-- and that constituency could be five people from Meyerland just as long as you want to participate, have things to say, and are interested. And there's no set agenda to those roundtables. But I can tell you they serve, as my platform, to express what's gone on in the meetings with myself and the mayor, and then from what the community has to say to the mayor's office. And so it's an osmotic kind of experience. It's not meant to be one sided at all.

JIMMY CARPER: And that third Thursday's coming up, isn't it?

JANINE BRUNJES: It is. Was that the 21st, Jim?

JEWEL GRAY: Well, I promise I'll start being there when I'm in town.

JANINE BRUNJES: Yeah, please, because people are-- it's kind of slow going because of all the excitement around the elections and everything. Yeah. But I'm looking forward to this next one--

JIMMY CARPER: Good.

JANINE BRUNJES: --now that the primaries are over.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes.

JANINE BRUNJES: Run offs are April 9th now. We need to get out and--

JEWEL GRAY: Well, I'm just so tired, just so done with all this, just so done with all this.

JIMMY CARPER: And now we're going to have a mudslinging governor's race.

JEWEL GRAY: Oh, my God.

[LAUGHTER]

CHRIS: Good old fashioned mudslinging.

RAINBOW: Oh, joy.

JEWEL GRAY: I'm just over politics. I know that it's important.

JIMMY CARPER: It's very important. And I'm so glad that we have a GLBC there. I'm just so happy that we've got that organization.

JEWEL GRAY: I want to do my part. And I want the people around me to do their part. But I'm just so sick of politicians politicking. You were talking about it's going to be a mudsling.

JIMMY CARPER: It's the name of the game sometimes.

JEWEL GRAY: It's everywhere.

JIMMY CARPER: It just is.

JEWEL GRAY: It's everywhere. Gary Condit had lost his election, why? Can anybody tell me why he lost his election? Because he was connected to a missing woman in DC, which is a very common thing.

JIMMY CARPER: That's right.

That he happened to have an affair with, right?

JEWEL GRAY: It was that kind of an affair. It was kind of an affair, but, yes. But the point is--

JANINE Is that kind of like having sex?

BRUNJES:

[LAUGHTER]

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

JANINE Why did he lose? Because the media made it sound like he'd done something to her. There's no evidence to
BRUNJES: suggest that. That man lost that election because media needed something.

JIMMY CARPER: Well, that's true.

JEWEL GRAY: Because--

JIMMY CARPER: That's true.

JEWEL GRAY: --the War on Terror in Afghanistan wasn't here yet, is why he lost that. Because the minute that started--

JIMMY CARPER: That could be.

JEWEL GRAY: --the minute

JIMMY CARPER: That could be.

JEWEL GRAY: --started, Gary Condit was forgotten, except for the people where he lived--

JIMMY CARPER: You know, you're absolutely correct. So he was believed at some level.

JEWEL GRAY: It was simply for the media to have something to chew on.

JIMMY CARPER: I was going to say it's because he was married and having an affair.

BOBBY: I'm sorry, it was--

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

JEWEL GRAY: What was his name?

[LAUGHTER]

JIMMY CARPER: There wouldn't be anybody in Washington--

JEWEL GRAY: --the Speaker of the House--

JIMMY CARPER: --if we got rid of them that way.

JEWEL GRAY: --the Majority leader there.

JANINE Oh.

BRUNJES:

BOBBY: You know something?

JEWEL GRAY: Newt Gingrich--

[JIMMY LAUGHS]

--Henry Hyde, none of them are--

JIMMY CARPER: Exactly!

--out of it.

BOBBY: It was proven that Marion Barry had done something, and

JEWEL GRAY: Lord, we had him on TV smoking crack, and they reelected him. and Gary Condit was just connected to this woman--

BOBBY: Gary Condit, they haven't proven he's done anything and he's out of office.

JEWEL GRAY: Not even not proven, they've got nothing, no nothing, not a zilch, nothing that suggests he had anything to do with this woman's disappearance, nothing. Now, the innuendos, and the rumors, and the gossip mongers--

JANINE It was the infidelity piece. And nobody's saying that's [INAUDIBLE]

BRUNJES:

JIMMY CARPER: And that horrible interview he did with Connie Chung.

Oh, that was terrible.

JEWEL GRAY: When I watched that, it wasn't what I was listening to. Because, me, I'm one of those people, you are innocent until proven guilty.

JANINE Well, and I have a question? Where is Chandra?

BRUNJES:

JIMMY CARPER: Where is she?

SPEAKER 1: I don't know.

JANINE Where is she?

BRUNJES:

JEWEL GRAY: She's dead.

JANINE We still don't know.

BRUNJES:

JEWEL GRAY: She's dead. She's Dead She's buried somewhere outside DC. But, you know, DC loses women all the time, just like we were talking earlier.

[LAUGHTER]

Here in town, we've had another rash of young women disappear here.

JIMMY CARPER: Young girls, yes.

JEWEL GRAY: Young girls disappear here. And it happens. It's not a good thing, but it's not reality and to not admit it. It goes on. And his bad luck that it was somebody he'd had an affair with. And that's why he lost that election. And because the media needed something to chew until something bigger came along, which was-- and we spent \$60 million on a blowjob.

[LAUGHTER]

Our government spent \$60 million on a blowjob. We can't feed starving children in this country, yet we spent \$60 million. And you think that's \$60 million. That's only the tip of the iceberg--

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, that's absolutely correct.

--of the amount of money that was spent over watching, and reporting, and all that stuff--

JANINE Special prosecutors.

BRUNJES:

JEWEL GRAY: --over a blowjob and a dress with a semen stain. Lord, God.

[LAUGHTER]

JANINE Well, I think it is the highest office and that--

BRUNJES:

JEWEL GRAY: I'm saying it was two consenting adults. If they had sex, I don't care. That's between him, her, and his wife.

JANINE Just, again, it was spectacularized.

BRUNJES:

JEWEL GRAY: I want that guy in the office to be relieved. He's walking around with the button. I don't want him to be uptight.

[LAUGHTER]

BOBBY: Hello, yeah. Yeah, there you go.

JIMMY CARPER: And speaking of not being uptight, you're listening to KPFT Houston and KEOS College Station. And we're not Uptight because we've got two very generous pledges, from anonymous and from JJ. And we're doing really well here on the--

CHRIS: Cool, Anonymous--

JIMMY CARPER: --After Hours--

CHRIS: --JJ.

JIMMY CARPER: --membership drive. Thank you very much, JJ. You'll be hearing him in the second half of the show. But still, we are looking for more pledges, because we're greedy, at 713-526-5738,

[BOBBY LAUGHS]

526-KPFT. We are the only public affairs show on this radio between midnight and 6:00. All the other shows are music shows. We're the only one. And I have just heard this weekend that we don't exactly simulcast with KEOS. What happens is when they don't have their own shows up there in College Station, they put us on. Well, it seems as though they now have their own shows 24 hours a. day, except for *After Hours*.

BOBBY: Cool.

JIMMY CARPER: When they do their own fundraising up in KEOS, people up there pledge money for *After Hours*.

BOBBY: Cool.

JIMMY CARPER: And I am so proud of that--

BOBBY: Smart people.

JIMMY CARPER: --so proud.

JEWEL GRAY: And I thought there were nothing but rednecks out there.

[LAUGHTER]

Well, now I've learned my lesson.

JIMMY CARPER: Well, those rednecks have learned more about bisexuals, and transgenders, and leather, and Hispanics, and lesbians. And they're just learning up there.

CHRIS: I'm telling you. Cool, cool, cool.

BOBBY: But There are such thing as gay rednecks.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, yeah.

BOBBY: There really are--

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, yeah

BOBBY: --trust me.

JEWEL GRAY: Yeah. Charlie what's his name? Pasadena.

[LAUGHTER]

JIMMY CARPER: Hello, Pasa--

JEWEL GRAY: [INAUDIBLE] yeah. I still got his album, I like it.

[LAUGHTER]

It's the only country western music I listen to.

[LAUGHTER]

JIMMY CARPER: Openly gay.

JEWEL GRAY: Yeah, that's right.

JIMMY CARPER: And right now, you're listening to Jewel, and Jim, and special guest, Janine Brunjes.

JANINE Brunjes.

BRUNJES:

[LAUGHTER]

JIMMY CARPER: Four, actually.

JEWEL GRAY: That's J cubed.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah.

JEWEL GRAY: J squared--

JIMMY CARPER: There we go.

JEWEL GRAY: J cubed.

JIMMY CARPER: There we go

JANINE Thank you for having me, Jim.

BRUNJES:

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah. Well, you're not going yet.

JANINE Oh, I'm not? Oh, I thought you were signing off?

BRUNJES:

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, no, no, no, no.

CHRIS: Hey, you said you didn't have a date.

BOBBY: OK, does it count that my middle name starts with a J?

JIMMY CARPER: No.

BOBBY: OK.

JIMMY CARPER: No, Bobby.

BOBBY: Just checking.

JIMMY CARPER: Sorry, Bobby.

CHRIS: Sorry.

BOBBY: That's it, just making sure.

JIMMY CARPER: OK.

[LAUGHTER]

So--

JEWEL GRAY: I'm ma--

JIMMY CARPER: Yes, I know you've got a lot to say.

JEWEL GRAY: I always do.

JIMMY CARPER: I know.

[LAUGHTER]

JEWEL GRAY: I'm mad. I'm mad.

JIMMY CARPER: That's why you're here.

JEWEL GRAY: I came in here mad.

BOBBY: You go, girl.

JIMMY CARPER: Why are you mad?

BOBBY: Go for it.

JEWEL GRAY: 55 miles an hour from Meadville, 55 miles an hour, I was the slowest thing on the freeway. I was telling Jim, there was a three-legged dog pass me.

[LAUGHTER]

JIMMY CARPER: Why were you doing 55?

JEWEL GRAY: Because that's the law now. They changed the speed limit going out 59 all the way out to Meadville.

JANINE But they're enforcing it. I read that today.

BRUNJES:

JIMMY CARPER: They're not enforcing it.

JANINE [INAUDIBLE] are they?

BRUNJES:

JEWEL GRAY: Well--

JANINE No

BRUNJES:

JEWEL GRAY: --except for when Jewel drives by.

[LAUGHTER]

I'm telling that, the guys at *After Hours* said you weren't enforcing this.

[LAUGHTER]

JIMMY CARPER: You have nothing--

JEWEL GRAY: But I was the slowest thing on the freeway coming in here today. And I thought, Jesus why 55 miles an hour.

JANINE You're going to cause wrecks.

BRUNJES:

JEWEL GRAY: True, that's what I say.

JANINE You're the only one that's going 65.

BRUNJES:

JEWEL GRAY: But what makes me mad is we have to pay by having the speed limits lowered, instead of addressing some of the major polluters in our communities and in this state, the big guys, the guys who belch it out by the ton. They're still belching it out by the ton, while we lower the speed limit because the emissions from all the specially designed, emission-controlled cars, makes me so mad.

JANINE Are you talking about the Mack Trucks, or SUVs, or the--

BRUNJES:

JEWEL GRAY: I'm talking about factories.

JIMMY CARPER: Well, you are not the slowest one on the freeway. My lover, Stanley, drives 40 miles an hour, whether he's on Southwest Freeway or Montrose Boulevard.

JEWEL GRAY: Oh my God.

[LAUGHTER]

God, I was the slowest. I swear to God, there was a three-legged dog pass me.

He's old.

JIMMY CARPER: Hey.

BOBBY: At 40 miles an hour, he can still read the signs.

[LAUGHTER]

Love you, Stan, really do.

JEWEL GRAY: Oh, my God. It was terrible. And I'm dreading going back. The time I go back is just before-- one of the reasons I leave at 1:30 is because I really like to get out of town before the clock--

JIMMY CARPER: The drunks?

[LAUGHTER]

JEWEL GRAY: --before the drunks hit the road.

[LAUGHTER]

But sometimes, as I hit the Beltway, you can tell some of those franchises out there, those little places, like Mosquito Grill or whatever they call them. They're places--

[LAUGHTER]

--that serve a little food and a lot of booze for a nickel.

[LAUGHTER]

They're closing up for the night. And they let those little yuppies out on the road. And it's awful.

JIMMY CARPER: Well, Jewel, I hate to tell you this, but, you know, a lot of people have been celebrating St Patrick's Day. Griff's is packed.

JEWEL GRAY: Yeah, I saw that when I came by.

JIMMY CARPER: People are staggering all over the place in the Montrose.

JANINE Well, look at [INAUDIBLE] Jim.

BRUNJES:

JIMMY CARPER: Yes. Yes, see?

JANINE I came from a celebration to be here--

BRUNJES:

JIMMY CARPER: Uh-huh.

JEWEL GRAY: --with you.

JANINE You know I'm Irish, Jewel. And, well, my mother's maiden name was Dailey.

BRUNJES:

JIMMY CARPER: Oh!

JANINE No kidding.

BRUNJES:

BOBBY: Oh, God. We had corned beef--

JEWEL GRAY: Any relation?

BOBBY: Poor you.

JANINE --corned beef and cabbage tonight--

BRUNJES:

JIMMY CARPER: Ooh, nice.

JANINE --boiled potatoes--

BRUNJES:

JIMMY CARPER: Ooh, yes.

JANINE --a [INAUDIBLE] cake.

BRUNJES:

BOBBY: [INAUDIBLE] potatoes. I so understand that.

JEWEL GRAY: If I ate that, I'd die.

[LAUGHTER]

BOBBY: Oh, my goodness.

JEWEL GRAY: My doctor would kick me in the butt.

JANINE Well, you'd have trouble with the cabbage, I would think.

BRUNJES:

JEWEL GRAY: No, it's not the cabbage.

BOBBY: I so understand that.

JEWEL GRAY: Diabetic.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh.

JANINE Oh, yeah.

BRUNJES:

JIMMY CARPER: Oh.

BOBBY: My mother's maiden name was Rooney.

JANINE There you go.

BRUNJES:

[LAUGHTER]

JIMMY CARPER: See? OK. OK.

JANINE Another one.

BRUNJES:

JIMMY CARPER: No, I'm an old [INAUDIBLE] boy.

JANINE Oh, did you kiss the Blarney Stone?

BRUNJES:

JEWEL GRAY: I'm from a very special country called--

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, he's kissed a lot of things.

[LAUGHTER] We call them hillbillies.

BOBBY: Was she talking about me? [LAUGHS]

CHRIS: Really. Thank God there are no snakes in Ireland, my goodness.

BOBBY: They all moved to Texas.

CHRIS: I don't know why we--

JEWEL GRAY: They ate them all, during the potato famine.

CHRIS: Why do we celebrate this one person? I do not understand. [INAUDIBLE] all the snakes out of Ireland.

BOBBY: Oh, no.

CHRIS: Thank God!

BOBBY: Oh, no.

CHRIS: You really want a holiday for this man?

BOBBY: Do you really want to start a war?

JIMMY CARPER: It's an excuse for nationalism.

[LAUGHTER]

BOBBY: Do you want us to start a war.

JEWEL GRAY: It's an excuse to get fall-down drunk.

[LAUGHTER]

I used to go out here to the Shamrock. Remember when the Shamrock was out here by the Astrodome?

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, yeah.

JEWEL GRAY: And they would serve green beer all day. People would be there at 5:00 in the morning drinking green beer--

JANINE And that doesn't happen anymore, does it?

BRUNJES:

JEWEL GRAY: --all day long. No, not anymore.

JIMMY CARPER: No.

JEWEL GRAY: They knocked that place down. Let me tell you, I missed it.

BOBBY: Oh, no, the worst thing I never saw was a green bagel, OK? That's just wrong.

JIMMY CARPER: Ew.

CHRIS: Ew.

JANINE Oh, that was in the oven too long.

BRUNJES:

JIMMY CARPER: That was one that we found [INAUDIBLE]

CHRIS: That's one in the refrigerator here at the station.

JIMMY CARPER: That's right.

BOBBY: [INAUDIBLE] to his food dye.

JANINE Well, yeah, it wasn't funny.

BRUNJES:

BOBBY: Oh, God.

JANINE [INAUDIBLE] take care of some of those STDs.

BRUNJES:

BOBBY: Chris, I think St. Patrick, not only he drove the snakes out, but he's the one who introduced Christianity or Catholicism, one of the two, to Ireland.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh. Oh, he's the one who started this whole--

JEWEL GRAY: That's why there's a major upheaval in Ireland.

BOBBY: Oh! He started this nightmare.

JANINE I think we all need to be careful. we don't get sacrilegious here, you know. I'm Catholic.

BRUNJES:

JIMMY CARPER: That's right.

JEWEL GRAY: St. Patrick is why Northern Ireland's in upheaval.

JANINE I think he also discovered five ways to cook potatoes.
BRUNJES:

[LAUGHTER]

[INAUDIBLE]

CHRIS: Well, let's see, there's boiled--

JEWEL GRAY: And there's boiled--

CHRIS: --boiled.

JEWEL GRAY: --and double boiled.

[LAUGHTER]

CHRIS: But if we could boil it again.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

JANINE And mashed.
BRUNJES:

JEWEL GRAY: That's right.

JANINE Mashed.
BRUNJES:

JIMMY CARPER: That's right. Mashed and beaten well.

[LAUGHTER]

BOBBY: You want to really start an Irish war, you just start an argument about why we, in America, celebrate St Patrick's Day, who, for all intents and purposes, was actually English.

JANINE Yes.
BRUNJES:

[BOBBY LAUGHS]

BOBBY: He was not Irish.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh.

JEWEL GRAY: Well, that's what Jim just said. He took one of the religions up there and they made him a Saint for it.

CHRIS: My god.

JIMMY CARPER: So what was the occasion you attended?

JANINE Oh, well, actually, my two sisters from West Palm Beach came in and joined--
BRUNJES:

JEWEL GRAY: There are more like you out there?

JANINE --my little sister.
BRUNJES:

[LAUGHTER] --there's four of us.

JIMMY CARPER: Whoa.

JANINE We're all nurses. Get this, we all were together, and we came here to be with my mother who's 81.
BRUNJES:

JIMMY CARPER: How nice!

BOBBY: Oh.

JANINE So we all were out at the house, and we were cooking--
BRUNJES:

JEWEL GRAY: I could see them all dancing a little jig out there.

[LAUGHTER]

JANINE --a little jig. And we all had green things on.
BRUNJES:

JEWEL GRAY: I was out walking tonight. One of the things I've done my doctor told me I had to do was start walking. So I'm walking two miles a day now. And I was walking tonight, and there was a party going on a half a mile away from my house. I know it's a half a mile because I've measured it.

[LAUGHTER]

I've measured it. And I could hear the music at my house when I walked out the door. When I got to their house, it was so loud, it was hurting my ears. And they were partying, and they were all Hispanic. And I thought it's just an excuse to get drunk.

[LAUGHTER]

Yeah, it's just an excuse to get drunk. We really aren't celebrating St. Patrick.

BOBBY: (IRISH ACCENT) Don't you know we're all Irish on St. Paddy's Day?

JIMMY CARPER: That's right, everyone is Irish on St. Patrick's Day.

JEWEL GRAY: That's what I mean, it's just a--

BOBBY: (IRISH ACCENT) Even if you were born with a tan. [LAUGHS]

CHRIS: It's just extreme southern Ireland.

BOBBY: Yeah. Yeah. The sunny side [INAUDIBLE]

JEWEL GRAY: Everybody's partying on St. Pat's Day.

[LAUGHTER]

BOBBY: All those nice, warm Irish beaches, yeah.

[LAUGHTER]

JEWEL GRAY: And if I stayed out in Meadville, I would not even know it was St. Patrick's Day.

JANINE Well, there's a lot of people there.

BRUNJES:

JEWEL GRAY: Somebody had to call me and say, Jewel, you know your birthday's coming up. I said, oh, my God.

[LAUGHTER]

CHRIS: Again?

JEWEL GRAY: What kind of friend are you?

[LAUGHTER]

CHRIS: Ex, obviously.

JEWEL GRAY: Really.

JANINE Just gets better like an old wine, right?

BRUNJES:

[LAUGHTER]

JEWEL GRAY: Geez, when you hit 40, you stop counting. You kind of try to put it off, don't you? No, she don't know yet. She said, you know.

CHRIS: What?

JEWEL GRAY: You're not 40--

JANINE Thank you, Jewel.

BRUNJES:

BOBBY: (MOCKINGLY) What?

JEWEL GRAY: --you don't know.

JANINE I'll be 49 next week.

BRUNJES:

JIMMY CARPER: Ooh.

BOBBY: I turn 34 this year. So I don't know from 40, yet.

JEWEL GRAY: I've been telling people I'm 47--

JANINE Really? Who is that over--

BRUNJES:

JIMMY CARPER: Bobby

JEWEL GRAY: --since the middle of last year. In the middle of this year, I'll be telling them I'm 48.

BOBBY: That's just mean.

[LAUGHTER]

JANINE You guys kissed more Blarney stones out here.

BRUNJES:

JIMMY CARPER: Well, I, a couple of months ago, just celebrated the silver anniversary of my 29th birthday.

CHRIS: Cool.

JANINE Oh--

BRUNJES:

[LAUGHTER]

--there you go.

BOBBY: Oddly enough, he turned 29 again.

[LAUGHTER] Yes, that's What he meant by the silver anniversary.

JEWEL GRAY: I used to hear my parents talk about. But my parents were a lot older than I am.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, I know.

JEWEL GRAY: I've noticed that.

JIMMY CARPER: People were a lot--

JEWEL GRAY: They were a lot older. When my parents were this age, man, they were aging.

[LAUGHTER]

JANINE Do you think they thought that way about their parents.

BRUNJES:

JEWEL GRAY: I think they did. Not only that, I think that they thought they were old at this age.

[LAUGHTER]

JANINE No, I prefer a younger group. And there's more of us, we're boomers.

BRUNJES:

JIMMY CARPER: Yep. Yep.

BOBBY: My parents were in their 40s when they adopted me.

JEWEL GRAY: I sometimes look around and I realize, when my mother was my age, I was 29 years old. And I think to myself, God, all mighty.

[LAUGHTER]

I can have a 29-year-old child running around.

[BOBBY LAUGHS]

I used to say it when I was 30. My mother had six kids. At 30, I could've had six kids, Jesus.

JIMMY CARPER: Jewel, the worst, the worst is the fourth Saturday of the month because the HATCH group comes here. And I am old enough to be their grandfather.

BOBBY: Are you kidding? Oh, my goodness.

JEWEL GRAY: Yeah.

BOBBY: I'm old enough to be their father.

JEWEL GRAY: I'm getting that way, let me tell you.

BOBBY: A few of them, (ACCENT) father.

JIMMY CARPER: How did it happen? And it's terrible when you walk into a place and they say, can I help you, ma'am? Or they say--

JANINE Oh, ma'am?

BRUNJES:

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, I hate that.

JEWEL GRAY: --lady, do you need something?

JIMMY CARPER: Sir, I hate the sir thing.

JEWEL GRAY: It's like, wait a minute, you know, I was the one who used to be doing that.

[LAUGHTER]

I can remember, for years and years, I still think of myself as the kid. Because everybody used to call me the kid. You know, hey, here comes that kid. I still think of myself that way. But I look in the mirror and I think, where did that kid go?

JANINE See, but it's different now because there's so many of us. I still think this Boomer generation.

BRUNJES:

JIMMY CARPER: Yes, you're right.

JANINE --is huge.

BRUNJES:

JIMMY CARPER: And we're older, but we're younger older. We are, we are. and more of us.

JEWEL GRAY: I agree, because I noticed that. And kids now-- I went to the high school-- Andrew's transitioning from junior high school to high school.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh.

JEWEL GRAY: And we have an option to leave them in the high school-- I mean the junior high school-- actually, it's a middle school-- or putting in high school. So we went to the high school and we talked to the special ed teacher. And we visited the school. And then I looked around where he would be. One of my foster children is autistic, he's 16. And he's getting to be a big boy. He's getting to be a big guy.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh.

JEWEL GRAY: And I was real uncomfortable with him being in junior middle school with littler kids. because I don't want him to be like a sore thumb in there. So we were at the high school. And I was looking at these kids in that high school. And, my God, they were so old.

[LAUGHTER]

When I was a kid in high school, we looked like kids that are like 10 and 12 years old look now. These kids look like grown people. They were dressed like grown people. They had physical features like grown people. They interacted like grown people. These were not 15, 16, 17, 18-year-old kids. When I was a kid, we were more like the 13 year olds. When I was--

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

--more like the 13-year-olds now.

BOBBY: When did childhood have to disappear so quickly?

JIMMY CARPER: All I have to do is say, just hang out here on the fourth Saturday and you'll see kids.

JEWEL GRAY: It's scary.

JIMMY CARPER: You'll see kids again. They are kids.

JEWEL GRAY: The last time I hung out with those kids, I almost spanked one or two, let me tell you.

[LAUGHTER]

JANINE But they've had more exposure and just the information that's open to them. I mean, we didn't have near the
BRUNJES: facts of--

JIMMY CARPER: I am so jealous! And they have role models--

JEWEL GRAY: And they know things that matures you that I didn't know.

JANINE And we don't know.
BRUNJES:

JIMMY CARPER: --had no role models. When I was a teenager, there was no literature, no gay literature, no books, no nothing. There's nothing. You had to reinvent yourself.

BOBBY: I was in eighth grade before they started teaching us how to use a computer. And back then, graphics on a computer were you could write your name in block letters on a graph kind of thingy. And now you can do all kinds of stuff. And they're doing it in kindergarten.

JEWEL GRAY: When I was in sixth grade, believe this or not, I was reading *Godfather*, Mario Puzo's book. And my teacher took it away from me twice. Now, this was the same year that *2001* came out.

JIMMY CARPER: Wow.

JEWEL GRAY: And I was reading it, she took it away from me twice, sixth grade now. And I was talking to some kids the other day who were very close to that age, I guess about 12, 13 years old. And they were reading-- this one little kid was telling me about what was in the *Joy Of Sex* book.

JIMMY CARPER: What?

JEWEL GRAY: Yes. And he was very matter of fact about it. There was no giggling or tee-heeing. He was like, he was giving me an educational discussion here.

JIMMY CARPER: You know, that's good.

JEWEL GRAY: He was not impressed. He was not giggling. And I thought to myself, yeah, I was advanced because I was a reader. I had always been a reader. And so, my teacher took that book away and told me it was way above me. Yet, I was 2/3 of the way through the book.

[LAUGHTER]

And when she gave it back, she sent it home. I took it away from my parents again because they were reading it. So I read--

[LAUGHTER]

JIMMY CARPER: But that's good especially--

JEWEL GRAY: They were reading books like that. They were reading stuff, they were reading philosophy that I didn't even discover philosophy until I was in college age.

JANINE It's mature.

BRUNJES:

JEWEL GRAY: These kids were reading philosophy. One kid was talking about E Ching, I Ching?

BOBBY: The I Ching.

JEWEL GRAY: I Ching. He was telling me about this thing he'd read about I-ching. These were kids' babies.

JIMMY CARPER: Good!

JEWEL GRAY: Right, that's what I say. But that's also the part that makes them seem so much older--

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, yeah.

JEWEL GRAY: --and the part that puts them into a situation sometimes where they are treated as older people inappropriately because they can converse and they are wiser than their years suggest. And I find that it's kind of a-- what is it, ying and yang thing? Yes, they're older and maturer, but they are still children. And it's hard to connect that sometimes. And I guess that's what is difficult about being that age. Yes, I'm older and wiser, but there are some things I'm very mature about.

But I was really impressed with this little kid. He was like 13 years old and was telling me about several things he'd read that-- we were just having a discussion. It really didn't dawn on me he was 13. I thought he was about 16.

JANINE Yeah, they're investing, even.

BRUNJES:

JEWEL GRAY: Yes.

JANINE They're taking their allowances and investing.

BRUNJES:

JEWEL GRAY: I thought he was 16, at least

[LAUGHTER]

JIMMY CARPER: I had a paper route at that age.

JEWEL GRAY: I asked him if he was driving.

[LAUGHTER]

JANINE Day brokers-- what are those called? Day traders.

BRUNJES:

JEWEL GRAY: Oh, yeah--

JIMMY CARPER: Wow.

JEWEL GRAY: --ripping people off.

JIMMY CARPER: Wow.

JEWEL GRAY: There was a kid who made, something, a couple of million dollars, they found out. He was getting online and telling people to invest in this stock, and telling them he was a stockbroker and that he suggested it, and made a couple million dollars on it.

JIMMY CARPER: Wow.

JEWEL GRAY: He only had to give back 2/3 of it, though.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh.

JEWEL GRAY: So he still made--

JANINE That's good to hear.

BRUNJES:

CHRIS: I just saved up for the latest Kiss album. What a mistake that was.

JEWEL GRAY: Me too.

[LAUGHTER]

My *Sky and Telescope* magazine is about the best I can do these days.

BOBBY: It seems to me like half the people who are doing stuff that is like computer programming, and stuff, and all that kind of work is our kids, 10, 15 years younger than I am. And I'm like--

JEWEL GRAY: It's scary.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes it is.

JEWEL GRAY: It's scary.

CHRIS: I took a data entry course a long, long time ago in a land far,

JEWEL GRAY: That stuff don't even exist anymore.

BOBBY: Data entry, I remember that.

CHRIS: You took this thick piece of cardstock that had numbers all the way across it. And it looked very much like a voter card.

JEWEL GRAY: Voter thing, yeah.

CHRIS: And you had sit there and--

JEWEL GRAY: Chads, all the chads out, yep.

CHRIS: --punch all these little numbers out. And I go, what am I doing?

JEWEL GRAY: That was early '80s. That was real popular in the '80s, late '70s. I did that for a little while. That stuff doesn't even exist now.

CHRIS: No. And I took a drafting course where--

JEWEL GRAY: I remember DOS, when you didn't have Windows.

CHRIS: --you put down a piece of paper and you drew on it.

JEWEL GRAY: Yeah, really.

CHRIS: Wow.

JANINE BRUNJES: Yeah, but these kids you're saying they're smarter and everything, but yet, we still complain, and our parents complain, about their lack of customer service. Now, they may be more intellectual and all that, but I don't think we're quite getting the service.

JEWEL GRAY: They're not matured yet. They're not maturing. That wisdom that comes from age, you just can't get it.

BOBBY: I wonder how much being able to use the internet and all of that affects the coming out process for a lot of kids.

JEWEL GRAY: Well, I'd be in a whole different world. I would be in an entirely different world if the internet had existed when I was a kid. I would not be in the place I'm at now. Because I was like a sponge sucking up as much as I could put my hands on. They would kick me out of the library at school because I was too young to look at certain books.

JANINE BRUNJES: Really?

JEWEL GRAY: Yeah. And it was like, well, wait a minute, if I'm looking for those books, obviously I'm not too young to look at those books. And if the internet had existed and I could've put my hands on information and stuff like that when I was a kid, man, I would be an entirely different person. Because I would've sucked up as much as possible, completely.

JANINE BRUNJES: [INAUDIBLE] more information changes it all, doesn't it?

JEWEL GRAY: It sure does. It sure does.

BOBBY: And nowadays, you find-- I personally do not even own a computer.

JEWEL GRAY: [GASPS]

BOBBY: [LAUGHS] I know, shock, I don't. I don't own a computer

JEWEL GRAY: I don't have a PalmPilot.

BOBBY: I don't have a computer, a cell phone, or a pager.

JEWEL GRAY: I don't have a pager.

JANINE BRUNJES: Really?

BOBBY: If people want to contact me, there's this thing called the telephone. It's got an answering machine attached.

JEWEL GRAY: I have a cell phone, but I never use it. It sits up there. I've never paid for the service.

CHRIS: When you see the mysterious fire out there in the Montrose, it's just Bobby out there with smoke signals, going.
[LAUGHTER]

BOBBY: Yeah, thank you, love you too.

JEWEL GRAY: It's a different world. it's a different world. It's kind of scary, think about these kids that it's terrifying to me to think the HATCH kids are going to be running things sometime.
[LAUGHTER]

And I think to myself, were my parents that frightened? Were my parents that frightened

**JANINE
BRUNJES:** Yeah, I think they they were.

JEWEL GRAY: I think they were. Yes, I think they were.

BOBBY: And along the lines of the whole HATCH kid age thing is with all this information out there, I still, the other day, had to explain to a, like, 17, 18-year-old young, gay man--

Awesome.

--what Stonewall was.

JIMMY CARPER: Ugh.

SPEAKER 2: He was 14.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes, there's always--
[LAUGHTER]

SPEAKER 2: I was here for that, he was 14.

JIMMY CARPER: 14.

BOBBY: He's the only one. This was somewhere else.

SPEAKER 2: Oh.

JEWEL GRAY: Hell, I'd never met another gay person till I was almost 17, not a gay person I knew that was gay or they knew I was gay. Until I was 17 years old, I didn't. Even know there was a community.

JIMMY CARPER: I was practicing homosexuality before I had a name for it.

**JANINE
BRUNJES:** Oh, yeah.

JEWEL GRAY: Oh, yeah, me too, me too.

JANINE Yeah, me too.

BRUNJES:

BOBBY: And he had it down pat before he had the word.

[LAUGHTER]

We couldn't have been too stupid, then.

[LAUGHTER]

JIMMY CARPER: No, no.

JEWEL GRAY: Oh, no, I had a relationship with a girl when I was 15 years old. But there was just some way of explaining it away. It really wasn't until somebody actually out--

JANINE Labeled it--

BRUNJES:

JEWEL GRAY: --to me,

JANINE --right.

BRUNJES:

JEWEL GRAY: I'm gay. That was the first gay person I met. I'd been with her.

[LAUGHTER]

And I even flirted around with a couple of married ladies in my neighborhood. But this person, when I was 17, was the first gay person, G-A-Y person I'd met. So I didn't even realize there was a big community. I just thought, occasionally you'd stumble over somebody you could have sex with or you could relate with. I didn't realize that there were places in the world where I could walk in and there would be other people, PLU, people like me running around, people like us running around. I didn't know that until I was 17.

BOBBY: The very first other openly gay people I met were in college.

JEWEL GRAY: I heard about Stonewall on television. I remember Stonewall on television because it was a big deal down in the South. Oh, look at that, faggots are taking over New York. I told you New York's a bad place. We saw it on TV, but--

CHRIS: Thank God it's New York.

JEWEL GRAY: I didn't equate myself to drag queens.

[LAUGHTER]

I just didn't. It's not that I thought I was better than. It's just that I thought I was invisible than, you know what I mean? It wasn't like I was one of those people.

JIMMY CARPER: Ugh.

JANINE That was '69, now, wasn't it?

BRUNJES:

JIMMY CARPER: Yes.

JANINE Wasn't that '69, Stonewall?

BRUNJES:

JIMMY CARPER: Yes.

JEWEL GRAY: I wasn't one of those people. And in '69, I was 14 years old.

BOBBY: I was a year old.

JIMMY CARPER: About 10 years ago, Ray Hill and I did--

BOBBY: Sorry.

JIMMY CARPER: --about a half hour interview with several different local leaders in the gay and lesbian community--

JEWEL GRAY: I remember, yeah.

JIMMY CARPER: --and asked them what they were doing when Stonewall happened. Not one single one of them was out of the closet or doing anything in the community in 1969.

JANINE I believe it.

BRUNJES:

JIMMY CARPER: And then, I interviewed a 19 year old going to U of H who was the president of the gay group there. And it was just phenomenal. He knew all about Stonewall. He was born when Stonewall happened. But here he was, 19 years old and just active and doing things in the community. it was quite a difference.

JEWEL GRAY: That's what I was saying earlier about it. I think we need to take some time and re-educate ourselves. We need to sit down and really chronicle our history--

JIMMY CARPER: We do.

JEWEL GRAY: --in a serious way, not just a little bit here and a little bit there, but in a serious way, like most cultures do.

JIMMY CARPER: Well, we've got a start with the Gulf Coast Archives, the Museum for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender History. We're getting all kinds of things. It is a museum, and an archive, and somewhat of a library. We just don't have room for it all right now. But we've got a lot of stuff. We've got stuff in storage. We've got everything, everything. People are just giving us all kinds of items. Let's see, last Thursday, I think, Judy and I went and visited a man in his 70s. And he gave us some artwork, and some leather masks, and some other things. And we talked to him--

BOBBY: Ooh, leather masks.

[LAUGHTER]

JANINE Woo.

BRUNJES:

JIMMY CARPER: And what we want to do next is go back and talk to him and tape record oral histories.

JANINE Cool.

BRUNJES:

JIMMY CARPER: I mean, that's what we've got to do, yes.

JEWEL GRAY: Yeah, we need to chronicle, I mean, in a big way. And I don't mean just locally, Houston. We need somebody in our major network, the big people up on top, to sit down and start chronicling our national gay history. We don't every detail, but the big cities and how they came about, and the parades--

JANINE Per city.

BRUNJES:

JEWEL GRAY: Yeah, per city, that kind of thing.

JIMMY CARPER: That's happening.

JANINE Before and after Stonewall is--

BRUNJES:

JEWEL GRAY: Good, yeah. That one's great.

JANINE --certainly a good start.

BRUNJES:

JEWEL GRAY: And, usually, when they play that on TV, the Stonewall movie, the documentary about Stonewall, they'll also play one of those movies about that lesbian bar, that documentary about that famous lesbian bar--

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, yes, *Last Night at Maude's*.

JEWEL GRAY: That's right, Maude's, which is something that I think we ought to do more of is more things like that. I wish that some of the people had thought of that when Marian Lynn's closed. Because it was history. It was history of this town.

JANINE We've got an older lesbian archive project underway--

BRUNJES:

JIMMY CARPER: Really?

JANINE --those histories being done. Arden Eversmeyer was--

BRUNJES:

BOBBY: Arden's so cool.

JANINE --doing that. I mean, she's doing--

BRUNJES:

JIMMY CARPER: She's doing oral histories with women, too.

JANINE --oral histories, right.

BRUNJES:

JIMMY CARPER: Yes, I know that, yes.

JEWEL GRAY: Cool I'm still counting. Remember Ricky?

JIMMY CARPER: Yes, I do.

JEWEL GRAY: He used to tell me almost every other week, I can't wait till I get old enough to be part of the loaf. Can't wait till I get-- and now I'm in that point where--

JIMMY CARPER: Now, here you are.

JEWEL GRAY: --I'm thinking, I can't wait until I get old enough to be part of the loaf.

JANINE You're going to be a loafer.

BRUNJES:

JEWEL GRAY: Yeah, I'm going to be a loafer, for sure.

JANINE [INAUDIBLE]

BRUNJES:

JEWEL GRAY: I can't wait till I'm old enough to be with loaf.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah, OK. Well, time is running short. And we need to do some--

JEWEL GRAY: Pledge. We need to ask for money. Tell people that KPFT is independent because they support us. There are no commercials because you support us.

JIMMY CARPER: No commercials here.

JEWEL GRAY: There are very few paid positions here because you-- well, not because you support us-- but because we believe in this. I think it was 70 people here, volunteers, and 5 people are paid. So it's not like you're throwing money to pay me and Jim here.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

JIMMY CARPER: Your money is paying the light bill, the phone bill. We do a lot of phone interviews. Our phone bill runs about \$2,000 a month.

JEWEL GRAY: I was seeing it cost about \$104 an hour to run the station.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes, yes.

JANINE And there's 154,000 listeners? Did I see that somewhere?

BRUNJES:

JIMMY CARPER: That's right.

JANINE My word!

BRUNJES:

JEWEL GRAY: Yeah, here it is. We have over 154,000. I tell people when they come--

JANINE That is incredible.

BRUNJES:

JEWEL GRAY: --down here and they're real shy, there's only six or seven people listening.

[LAUGHTER]

JIMMY CARPER: Actually, *After Hours* is a blip on the screen, a large blip, because, weekly, we have 19,000 people listening to this show.

JEWEL GRAY: It's because we talk adult, we talk about real things.

JIMMY CARPER: We have fun.

BOBBY: And we have a blast.

JEWEL GRAY: We talk about life.

BOBBY: We get serious sometimes, we giggle it up a bunch of the time.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes, that's it.

BOBBY: But we talk about life.

JEWEL GRAY: My favorite show is the ones where we giggle it up.

[LAUGHTER]

JIMMY CARPER: And that's why people listen. And that's why they're going to give us a call at 713-526-5738, 526-KPFT. Chris is out in Pledge Central.

CHRIS: Yes, we're out here in Pledge Central, and we're waiting for the phones to ring.

JIMMY CARPER: It sounds very quiet out there.

CHRIS: It's 713-526-5738, 713-JAM-KPFT.

JIMMY CARPER: Why don't you tell us a little bit about, maybe, some of the pledge levels and thank you gifts. Ooh.

CHRIS: Of course you would pick something up like that when we don't have all the pretty signs up this year.

JIMMY CARPER: Oops, they're all in here.

JEWEL GRAY: Yeah, they're all over the place.

BOBBY: Which does them a world of good back in the-- yeah.

JEWEL GRAY: Well, you know what interests me is the matching gifts.

JIMMY CARPER: Well, let me tell you something, first of all,

BOBBY: Uh-oh.

JIMMY CARPER: We had a very large pledge from Anonymous, who said, no gift, just apply the entire donation to KPFT because he's giving money-- he wants to give money to the show. He doesn't need anything for it.

JEWEL GRAY: Cool. I mean, it's nice [AUDIO OUT]