

**RAINBO:** Parade. And that's just-- we are family. I mean-- and we have a lot of things to be proud of. And I'm a little bit more optimistic. And I think we can win this. But it's just not going to happen like magic. It's going to be a lot of hard work. And it's going to be nasty.

And certainly, those of us who remember seeing the TV ads in 1985 of showing the scenes from how Houston's going to turn out like San Francisco. And I love San Francisco-- no two ways about it. But Houston's a different city. And the type of parade that we run in Houston is different from San Francisco.

We're not apologizing to anybody. But the fact of the matter is, is that we have a diverse parade that reflects Houston.

**JACK VALINSKI:** Wow

**PRESENTER 2:** OK. Go, Katrina, go.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Go on, Shannon, just jump right in there.

**PRESENTER 2:** Yeah.

**JACK VALINSKI:** That's OK. Jack couldn't see me over there. Well, at some point somebody talked about or said aren't-- perhaps voter's more progressive now. And--

**RAINBO:** Yeah that's probably me.

**JACK VALINSKI:** Well, what I always like to throw out when people start mentioning that-- I won't even bother talking about the last presidential election. I mean, the fact that 49% voted for--

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

**JACK VALINSKI:** I can't even say that name. Another election happened that day, was in, I think, Alabama. There was a referendum to remove the criminal law, which prohibited interracial marriage. Now, it won. I mean, the law was repealed. But 40% of the people in that state voted to keep it.

**RAINBO:** God. Isn't that--

**JACK VALINSKI:** Think about that.

**RAINBO:** I'm trying to think. Isn't that--

**JACK VALINSKI:** I would say that Houston, overall, is a little bit more progressive than any general part of Alabama.

**RAINBO:** Would that mean that if a--

**JACK VALINSKI:** Probably not by much.

**RAINBO:** If a mixed-race couple were married in Texas and they went to Alabama, they would not be recognized?

**JACK VALINSKI:** No. The problem is there was a court decision back in 1967, which declared any such law unconstitutional. But the thing was there. It was an embarrassment to the state.

**RAINBO:** Oh, they needed to get it off the books.

**JACK VALINSKI:** Finally, even some of the conservatives in Alabama say, OK, we got to get rid of this thing because two years before that, same thing happened in South Carolina. It was there. Everyone knew it couldn't be enforced, but it was there. It was an embarrassment.

**RAINBO:** Sort of like the sodomy law.

**JACK VALINSKI:** Pretty much.

**RAINBO:** Exactly.

**JACK VALINSKI:** And pretty much the same thing happened in '98 in South Carolina. Yeah, the vote to repeal the thing happened. It was repealed. But it was roughly the same percentage. It was like 60% to keep it. Roughly 40% voted-- or 60% voted to get rid of it. 40% actually voted to keep it. And in each state, there were several counties where the vote in the county, the majority, favored keeping it.

So don't always assume just because, yeah, it's 2001. Sure, a lot more people are progressive. But listen to Ray when he talks about who controls what. Ray's been around awhile. Yeah, he's contentious, but he also knows what he's talking about.

**JEWEL GRAY:** God love his contentiousness. Let me tell you, I've learned so much from that contentiousness.

**RAINBO:** And speaking of that, people--

**JEWEL GRAY:** You're looking at me.

**RAINBO:** Yes, I am looking at you. It is wonderful to have you in person, but I do get to be a part of you every week by reading the triangle. And it's just wonderful. I don't always agree 100%. But, you know--

**JEWEL GRAY:** Hey, I don't think that's the idea with that thing. I think the idea with those things is to make you think. Not agree.

**RAINBO:** Yes. Yes. . Or to make you angry.

**PRESENTER 2:** She has the power.

**JACK VALINSKI:** Hear other people think about the issue.

**RAINBO:** OK, rainbow.

**JACK VALINSKI:** Sunday.

**RAINBO:** Sunday, Sunday, Sunday.

**JACK VALINSKI:** On the Metropolitan channel at noon. This is a replay of city council Tuesday. You'll hear the two guys from the Grace Baptist church over on Telephone Road 5,000 block, which I checked it out myself.

**RAINBO:** Oh, yeah it looked like they lived together. And that they gave a church address as their--

**PRESENTER 2:** Just count how many times they say the word sodomite in there.

**JACK VALINSKI:** Is this the same bunch of people who protested the gay hotel down in Galveston a few years ago?

**PRESENTER 2:** Probably.

**JACK VALINSKI:** There was Grace something. I remember.

**RAINBO:** May have been.

**PRESENTER 2:** I understand they were at City Hall the next day, also, protesting.

**JEWEL GRAY:** I don't understand people like that. Have they no life? Do they really feel like it's OK to go around and dictate for others their personal, moral philosophy?

**JACK VALINSKI:** Yes. Yes, they do. They literally do. They do believe they have the right to tell you how to live your life.

**JEWEL GRAY:** They should be shot. That's all there is to it.

**RAINBO:** Good thing we can carry guns here in Texas.

**JACK VALINSKI:** Let it be noted that Katrina Rose was not the person who said that.

[LAUGHS]

**RAINBO:** Jewel, we talked about this earlier.

**JACK VALINSKI:** I do have a law license to protect.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Shooting them, yeah.

**RAINBO:** No, not shooting them. But the preacher-- I think it was the preacher at that Church of Grace Baptist church on Telephone Road, he's quoted scriptures after scripture-- like, six scriptures, I think there's six of them, about sodomy, sodomites, sodomites, sodomites, sodomites.

**PRESENTER 1:** Sodomites.

**RAINBO:** And he didn't talk anything about adultery. And as he went by me, as he went to go to his seat, I said adultery, Mark 10, 9 through-- or 10 through 11.

**JIMMY CARPER:** I hope you looked right at Rob Todd when you said that.

**JEWEL GRAY:** I want us to waive that little soliloquy that they did on *West Wing* around a lot during this campaign. Because this is 99% of our battle is religious fanaticism. That's it in a nutshell. Let's not even beat around the bush. It's religious fanaticism.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Yes. Because we're not talking about Christianity.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Right, it's religious fanaticism--

**JIMMY CARPER:** Because most gay people are Christians.

**JEWEL GRAY:** --not necessarily Christians. That's right. And that's what we're--

**JACK VALINSKI:** But some of us aren't.

**JEWEL GRAY:** And it's very selective religious fanaticism. And I think we need to sit down-- and this is something I've said for years and years, everybody says, no, no, no you'll never beat them with their own game, blah, blah, blah-- maybe if we can point-- it's not beating them. We're never going to beat them. We need to make the other people who are out there being swayed by this nut--

**RAINBO:** Educating [INAUDIBLE].

**JEWEL GRAY:** --we need to make them aware that this is selective. They are selecting bits and pieces that they want to make the moral law and hold other people's feet to the fire for and forgetting the parts that address the very things that they're doing every day. And that little thing that they did on *West Wing* when they addressed the Dr. Laura type. Can somebody get-- I've got it.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

**JACK VALINSKI:** You can find that entire--

**RAINBO:** The bull on the altar.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Yeah, the bull on the altar and selling his daughter to slavery and not being able to sleep with a woman when she was menstruating or be with-- a woman had to go somewhere. Where would he send his wife?

**PRESENTER 2:** To the menstrual [? life. ?]

**RAINBO:** It's all God's laws.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Or something wrong.

**JACK VALINSKI:** That's never slowed me down.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Or following all these laws that God set down--

[LAUGHTER]

--that they're not following, having two cloths of the same-- different materials.

**JACK VALINSKI:** Well, that entire soliloquy--

**RAINBO:** [? Miss ?] [? Polyester. ?]

**JACK VALINSKI:** --had been sitting around on the internet about two weeks beforehand.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Yeah, I saw it.

**JACK VALINSKI:** I got it at least two different times.

**JEWEL GRAY:** It's wonderful. And I really think we need to start doing that. Because these people are sitting back in the in-between world, making their judgment, can be swayed by this religious because of almost a religious guilt that a lot of people have. Well, I'm not religious enough. Let me jump on this bandwagon. Because this is religious. Well, we need to point out to them that it's not good religious.

**JIMMY CARPER:** No.

**JEWEL GRAY:** It's fanaticism religion. It's selective religion. It's what they want you to hear. And they don't want to tell you about every one of them-- not every one of them, but almost every one of them, sleeping with each other's husband or wife. I mean, they're doing it to each other. They're stealing. They're embezzling. They're doing all these things that. And it's awful that we let them get away with this.

I was reading an op-ed the other day about how the Republicans, the conservatives, the religious right, GOP, has taken Jesus from us, has taken religion completely away from us. We can't talk about it because the first thing we do is get these things thrown at us, these rote copies repeatedly, the same things over and over.

What we need to do is introduce the society around us with how false that is, the picture of how false. What was it we were talking about earlier about Audre Lorde had that thing about there is something like six [? admonitions ?] to--

**JIMMY CARPER:** Admonitions?

**RAINBO:** [INAUDIBLE] 11.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Lynn Lavner.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Lynn Lavner.

**RAINBO:** Lynn Lavner said there's six abominations--

**JIMMY CARPER:** [? Adomitions. ?]

**JEWEL GRAY:** [? Adomitions, ?] that's it-- [? adomitions. ?]

**PRESENTER 2:** Boy, we all sound like George Bush.

**JACK VALINSKI:** Admonitions, thank you.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Admonitions.

**PRESENTER 2:** It's a form of admonishment.

**JACK VALINSKI:** Admonishments-- a form of the verb admonish.

**PRESENTER 2:** Don't do this. [LAUGHS]

**JEWEL GRAY:** Six for homosexuals and something like 350--

**RAINBO:** For heterosexuals! [LAUGHS]

**JEWEL GRAY:** --for heterosexuals. But all we ever hear about--

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

**JEWEL GRAY:** --is those six. I really think it's time we re-educate people on what the Bible and what religion is really all about.

**JACK VALINSKI:** OK, I'm going to agree with you to--

**RAINBO:** And the Harper Valley PTA, city council, Rob Todd and his--

**JEWEL GRAY:** Who's the most moral--

**RAINBO:** [INAUDIBLE] down, about four or five seats down from him, Mrs. Keller.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Sleeping with his wife.

**JACK VALINSKI:** Well, I agree with you to a point. I agree on a personal level. Yeah, talk to people. Say, yeah, these people are perverting your religion. But you have to emphasize your religion. I've said this many times in my column and elsewhere. You cannot make the public legal debate the religion debate.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Oh, no.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Why not? We've been doing it and winning like that.

**JACK VALINSKI:** No. Because once you say that there is a religious standard, you have lost the battle. Because after that, you cannot complain that they are using theirs and say you should use ours. Religion has resolutely no place in law.

**JIMMY CARPER:** No, because you're--

**RAINBO:** Well, when was the last time those people from Grace Baptist Church--

**JIMMY CARPER:** --you're talking about beliefs. You're not talking about logic.

**RAINBO:** --were talking about Rob Todd and Keller's wife. When was that? They didn't come to city hall to talk about adultery, did they?

**JEWEL GRAY:** No.

**RAINBO:** They didn't point at him. But they sure as hell pointed-- well, excuse me, my language--

**JIMMY CARPER:** That's right-- sure as hell.

**RAINBO:** --but they sure pointed over at Annise Parker.

**PRESENTER 2:** [INAUDIBLE] clean compared to [INAUDIBLE].

**RAINBO:** They were talking about Annise Parker and her sexuality and my sexuality. Because I'm out in the audience, OK.

**JACK VALINSKI:** The part of what you're getting at that I do believe in and what we should emphasize more is what have we been talking about? Them throwing their religion at us. What happens when you are fired from a job because you are gay? Whether it is stated or not, you are being fired because you do not conform to the boss's religious beliefs. And until we start filing Title VII lawsuits under discrimination because of religion when we are fired or not hired because of being gay--

**RAINBO:** And the state of Texas--

**JACK VALINSKI:** --or transgendered, we're never going to get anywhere.

**JEWEL GRAY:** No one has ever said this to me before.

**RAINBO:** And the state of Texas--

**JEWEL GRAY:** Is that right?

**RAINBO:** --is a right to work state. They can fire you for any reason at all.

**JACK VALINSKI:** I don't know of any case that says that. But that is what happens.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Well, and the whole--

**JACK VALINSKI:** Whether anyone wants to-- whether Rob Todd wants to admit it or not, whether Stephen Hotze wants to admit it or not, it's a religious standard. That is what they're trying to enforce on society.

**JEWEL GRAY:** That's true.

**JIMMY CARPER:** And that was the whole Santa Fe thing, the Santa Fe School District,

**JEWEL GRAY:** Right. Right out here in Santa Fe?

**JIMMY CARPER:** --where the primary school-- Yes, yes, it was Supreme Court decision that said this is wrong. But yet it was really interesting. Because Nina Totenberg from NPR interviewed some of these students later on. And they all thought, they have the right because it's their religion, but other people are wrong. And they just didn't understand that.

You are listening to *After Hours*, queer radio with attitude, on KPFT Houston and KEOS College Station. I'm Jimmy Carper, and we have a huge panel here tonight, with Jewel and Jim, who are the co-hosts, Jack Valinski, special guest, and Katrina Rose, special guest, and--

**PRESENTER 2:** Jimmy Carper, referee.

**JIMMY CARPER:** [LAUGHS] And Rainbo de Clown, who is almost a-- well, and [? Melanie, ?] too, both of them, and [? Alyssa, ?] who--

**JEWEL GRAY:** At least she's a brown-skinned fairy [INAUDIBLE] wishes.

**RAINBO:** And I was at that protest in Santa Fe. And we had signs that said, and Jesus said, pray in a closet. And that was said right before--

[LAUGHS]

Let me tell you what, if you check it out, in Matthew, it's done in the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 6:13. It's right before he teaches them the prayer, the Lord's Prayer. He says, pray in a closet. And he didn't say nothing about no out in the open in some football game.

**PRESENTER 2:** Yeah, with the ashes and all that.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Oh, well, well. See--

**RAINBO:** What do you mean, and the ashes?

**JEWEL GRAY:** --you can never win when--

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

**JEWEL GRAY:** --you try to use religion against religious beliefs. Because like we just said--

**JACK VALINSKI:** And that's my point. Religion has absolutely no place in the school. Because-- and you all are getting to the point down in Santa Fe, the people who had their particular prayer, oh, yeah, we can do ours. But let a Wicca person try to do a prayer.

**PRESENTER 2:** [INAUDIBLE] out and, like, do a circle.

Oh,

**JACK VALINSKI:** No, that's not--

**JEWEL GRAY:** And you know, what is really irritating about the Santa Fe situation is, no matter what the courts say, they're going to do it anyway. You're going to have to arrest every one of those people because they're going to do it, anyway.

**JACK VALINSKI:** And they damn well should be arrested.

**JEWEL GRAY:** And that is fanaticism.

**JACK VALINSKI:** They are breaking the law.

**JEWEL GRAY:** That's right. And it's fanaticism.

**RAINBO:** Well, they broke the law by even having [INAUDIBLE].

**JEWEL GRAY:** It's like mass hysteria or something.

**RAINBO:** Yes, yes, yes. And we won. We won. The people that protested--

**JACK VALINSKI:** In fact, there was a mass demonstration of breaking section 2106--

**RAINBO:** And I made most of those signs.

**JACK VALINSKI:** --on the football field, maybe.

[LAUGHS]

**JEWEL GRAY:** Well.

**RAINBO:** No, that, of course--

**JACK VALINSKI:** Of course, that's what a football game is is-- well, never mind.

**RAINBO:** Miss [? Ward ?] was the law.

**JACK VALINSKI:** [LAUGHS] That's why I watch it.

**RAINBO:** Miss Ward broke the law.

**JACK VALINSKI:** No, that's the XFL.

**JIMMY CARPER:** I'm ready to sit on a billboard. I was telling Jackie earlier--

**JEWEL GRAY:** [? Oh, ?] my god.

**RAINBO:** You're gonna get it.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Me and Rainbo are going to get a billboard. We're going to get some black paint. We're going to spray paint. We deserve equal rights.

**RAINBO:** And it'll only cost us a \$500 fine.

**JEWEL GRAY:** And we'll stay up there. And we're going on a hunger strike. And we're going to make a statement. Somebody-- we need to do some more things like this.

**PRESENTER 1:** And Jewel can last a long time.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Let me tell you, I can last a long time.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

**JEWEL GRAY:** I can afford a lot, too, let me tell you.

[LAUGHTER]

But we were talking on the Handnet and this is something I've got to drive home-- this is going to be the big thing, and this is what we all should focus on, and I heard Jack focusing on it again today-- is that in that meeting they had the other day, when Annise sought the council of as many people as she could get together, in that meeting, they decided that they wanted to move on to this thing, someone told me that after that meeting, they found out that of all these people at this meeting, somewhere-- 93 people were signed up to volunteer anywhere.

**RAINBO:** And that's sad.

**JEWEL GRAY:** And I saw Jack and Alec trying to get people to volunteer tonight. And I watched the board being passed from person to person to person and nobody signing-- now, a couple of people did.

**JACK VALINSKI:** Well, I was going to--

**PRESENTER 1:** I think there were about 20, 25 people [INAUDIBLE].

**JEWEL GRAY:** We need to recognize that no one else is going to do it. Your friend over there is not going to make a big enough difference. You're going to have to do it. You're going to have to get volunteering and putting in the leg work.

**JACK VALINSKI:** And I agree with you 100%. But and I've been around this community quite a while and saw different organizations trying to get volunteers. But I think, from what I've seen-- and this doesn't mean that nobody out there shouldn't get involved, I think we all have to get involved-- but Progressive Voters have been incredibly successful. I mean they're running phone banks now six days a week. And that's incredible.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Yes, it is.

**JACK VALINSKI:** Absolutely. And I mean, it's all volunteers. And they're getting more people all the time, and it's great. It's unfortunate that the caucus isn't in that position, but they're not. But Progressive Voters is moving on. They're getting more volunteers.

And because we were at a Pride volunteer meeting, that's why not a lot of people signed up to it. Because they're already involved in something. But Pride is going to be involved in this in many ways. Just like this radio show is and lesbian and gay voices and everybody else in the community, they have to be involved in it.

**JEWEL GRAY:** But what I want to say is that if you've got to figure out what to do, if you've got to cut one or the other, cut your hobby. Cut your social life. Come out and volunteer for the--

**RAINBO:** Don't go to the bar once a week.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Come out. What I'm saying is the people Jack was just talking about is maybe volunteering somewhere else with some other organization. It may be time for us to let those things slide and focus all of our attention, all of our effort, on this. Now, I'm not saying close down everything, by all means.

But maybe we should have each organization making an effort with their people. That's what we need to do is get each organization focusing on this. Then you can volunteer for your organization and still be volunteering for the big picture.

**JACK VALINSKI:** And there's enough of us out there. Because certainly, after town meeting here in Houston and the march in Washington, people came back to Houston and back to their hometowns, and there were more of us. There was more organizations out there. There was more people getting involved.

And it's just amazing. I've seen this in Pride. The fact that a few years ago, we were lucky to have five or six people lining up the parade-- we have over a hundred volunteers now on parade day.

**JIMMY CARPER:** That is wonderful.

**JACK VALINSKI:** And the incredible thing is this is our high holy day. I mean, everybody's out there to try and have a good time.

**JEWEL GRAY:** And everybody's partying. These people are working.

**JACK VALINSKI:** Right. And we have these people volunteering. And it's absolutely fabulous. And because I am lucky enough-- these people make me look good most of the time. But the reality is we've got some incredibly hardworking people that have a passion for this. And I just cry sometimes to see this, as the parade's rolling down there.

And it's not just the Pride committee. It's every one of those organizations who put together their floats or their contingents in the parade. They're all part of this community. And we're all together.

**RAINBO:** One thing about the PVA thing tonight, between the meeting they had and me coming here, I received an email from all those that attended. And there was about 20 names on the email.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Oh, cool.

**RAINBO:** Yeah, so there were a lot of people.

**JEWEL GRAY:** I didn't sign up, but I had made private plans about what I'm going to be doing.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Uh, yes?

**JEWEL GRAY:** Yes.

**JIMMY CARPER:** [LAUGHS]

**JEWEL GRAY:** And I'm just home-bound.

**PRESENTER 2:** And I'm pretty much unavailable.

**JEWEL GRAY:** So I have to make special-- I have to find special things I can do.

**RAINBO:** He's building that bomb shelter.

**JACK VALINSKI:** That's right. That's right. And that's true.

**RAINBO:** He's building that bomb shelter.

**JACK VALINSKI:** And see, if you can be a part of this and you live in BFE, anyone--

**RAINBO:** No, I live in BFE.

**JEWEL GRAY:** This certainly is not going to benefit me in any way down in Houston. But I'm still coming in. I'm still going to try to put as much effort into this as I can.

**JACK VALINSKI:** That's right. And anyone who can listen to this show can help.

**RAINBO:** It wouldn't benefit me, either. Because I live in the ETJ.

**JIMMY CARPER:** There you go.

**RAINBO:** And people in Bel Air, it won't benefit them in Bel Air. Because they live in the city of Bel Air.

**JIMMY CARPER:** It will eventually.

**JEWEL GRAY:** That's right.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Once it starts--

**JEWEL GRAY:** Once it starts--

**RAINBO:** It will not-- as a citizen of Harris County, they live in Bel Air, so they cannot vote. West University cannot vote. You have to live in the city of Houston to vote on this election.

**JACK VALINSKI:** Yeah, but rest assured, the opponents are getting money from people who live outside Houston.

**JIMMY CARPER:** They sure are.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

**JACK VALINSKI:** [INAUDIBLE] Virginia Beach, Virginia.

**JEWEL GRAY:** We need to get into touch with the national people and see if we can't get some help. I saw several places today in activism websites that say they have lawyers, they have people, they have information, that they can help.

**JIMMY CARPER:** And Jewel will ask.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Yes, I will. And that they can help, and they want to help with various things. And I think the thing is maybe we just haven't asked. And I don't know how to ask the national community to help us. We're getting ready to go into this thing that has had national help in other--

**RAINBO:** We have the internet.

**JEWEL GRAY:** --places that we need some national support in this. I'm gonna call Eleanor Smeal on the phone. You watch me. I'll call her.

**JACK VALINSKI:** Call Elizabeth Birch, too.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Yeah, call Elizabeth Birch.

**PRESENTER 2:** I'll call that Sam Donaldson.

[LAUGHTER]

**JACK VALINSKI:** If nothing else, [INAUDIBLE].

**PRESENTER 2:** But what are you going to call him?

**JIMMY CARPER:** Right. What are you going to call him? Bald.

**RAINBO:** I'll email Sam Donaldson.

**JIMMY CARPER:** We'll call him bald.

**PRESENTER 2:** Call him Spock.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Well, we need to get out there. We need to stop talking and stop thinking, well, those two guys over there volunteer. They really don't need me. They really do.

**JIMMY CARPER:** It looks like Katrina Rose is leaving us.

**PRESENTER 2:** Yeah, yeah. Yeah, I'm gonna tootle on down the road. It was nice being here.

**JIMMY CARPER:** I am so glad you stopped by. Thank you.

**PRESENTER 2:** Even though it wasn't transgender week. But I had to stop by and see Jimmy.

**JIMMY CARPER:** You know,

**PRESENTER 3:** Transgender week? Is there a transgender week?

**JACK VALINSKI:** Yes, there is.

**PRESENTER 3:** I thought every week was transgender week.

**PRESENTER 2:** Oh, OK. Maybe there-- yeah, I guess things change.

**JEWEL GRAY:** This is the [? queerest ?] year. We just don't do transgender things on one night-- one night a month.

**PRESENTER 2:** Oh, OK. Well, things do change.

**PRESENTER 3:** Whenever it happens to come up.

**PRESENTER 2:** I mean, if you can carpet the outside of the studio, I mean--

**JIMMY CARPER:** Yeah, see? Now if we can only get the bathrooms to work.

[LAUGHTER]

**JEWEL GRAY:** If we can get the ramp.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Anyway. Yes, KUHF got a brand-new studio. We get new carpeting.

**JEWEL GRAY:** And a Porta Potty.

**JIMMY CARPER:** But we're very happy.

**JEWEL GRAY:** And a Porta Potty outside, in the dark.

**PRESENTER 2:** A smoking room.

[INAUDIBLE]

**RAINBO:** You said something earlier today about protesting channel 55.

**JEWEL GRAY:** I'll sit up on a billboard if you will, Rainbo. I will.

**RAINBO:** [? John ?] Matthews calls us sissy people, by the way.

**JEWEL GRAY:** On TV.

**RAINBO:** I cannot believe he called us the sissy people.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Of course he does. Because he's made a career of it.

**PRESENTER 2:** He can get away with it.

**JIMMY CARPER:** He's made a career of it.

**RAINBO:** He made a career out-- I would like to know what a sissy person is.

**JEWEL GRAY:**

**JIMMY CARPER:** Me. Me. And I don't care who knows.

**RAINBO:** To me, it's a derogatory term that you learn--

**JIMMY CARPER:** Well, when he uses it, it's derogatory.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Well, that's what he wants it to be.

**RAINBO:** And in high school. And if you go to Bible college like I did, you hear thespians called sissy people. You hear music majors called sissy people.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Florists.

**RAINBO:** Florists. What I'm making a point is, the religious colleges of our--

**PRESENTER 2:** Carnation.

**PRESENTER 4:** I'm sorry, florists deserve that.

**RAINBO:** They do have different--

[LAUGHTER]

--what'd you call it? Thespians and music majors. And they all call them sissy people. I remember they [INAUDIBLE] the wind.

**JEWEL GRAY:** I think that's a wonder-- this is all a wonderful segue into pride.

**RAINBO:** I bet you he's the--

**JIMMY CARPER:** Pride.

**RAINBO:** I bet you Houston Baptist College does that, too.

**PRESENTER 2:** I am happy to be a sissy person. I am a sissy person.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Which means that--

**PRESENTER 3:** I am a Sissy person, too.

**JEWEL GRAY:** There you go.

[LAUGHTER]

**PRESENTER 2:** I think ought to do the Dave thing. I'm a sissy person.

**PRESENTER 4:** I don't think so.

**JIMMY CARPER:** No, he isn't. He isn't.

**JEWEL GRAY:** I'm a sissy person, too.

**JIMMY CARPER:** No, afraid not.

**PRESENTER 2:** Alan Turing--

**JEWEL GRAY:** I'm an honorary sissy person.

**PRESENTER 2:** --was a Sissy person.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Yes. Yes, he was.

**PRESENTER 2:** [INAUDIBLE] [? Lee ?] Bates was a sissy person. Remember the guy from the march on--

**JEWEL GRAY:** Let's take back that word, sissy.

**PRESENTER 2:** Yes, we want this.

**JEWEL GRAY:** I'm a sissy. Are you a sissy?

**PRESENTER 2:** Not only do I wear a pink triangle--

**JIMMY CARPER:** You wear a pink tutu.

**PRESENTER 2:** --and have a gay flag in my front yard outside of the Houston city limits--

**JIMMY CARPER:** Yes, you do.

**JEWEL GRAY:** I haven't [INAUDIBLE].

**PRESENTER 2:** --I am a sissy person.

**PRESENTER 4:** Sissy person.

**JIMMY CARPER:** And that, like I said, that's a good segue into Pride.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Yeah, what do we got going with Pride? What's it look like? I'm excited.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Well, it's going to be very interesting. We're actually going to move the kickoff party a week earlier this year.

**JEWEL GRAY:** So we party for two weeks.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Well, actually, more like--

**PRESENTER 2:** The whole month.

**JIMMY CARPER:** --the whole month.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Oh, great.

**JIMMY CARPER:** And that's going to be the first Friday in June. And then the first Saturday in June is going to be Pride Day at Astroworld. And we have some very special guests. And actually, this has-- the Pride committee didn't do this, but Astroworld did it themselves-- we're going to have the Village People.

[CHEERING]

**PRESENTER 3:** Oh, I'll have to go, yeah.

**PRESENTER 2:** I'm a real sissy person.

**PRESENTER 3:** I will have to go, yes.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Oh, that's wonderful.

**PRESENTER 3:** Really, that's great.

**JACK VALINSKI:** Yes, and--

**RAINBO:** You heard it first here on--

**JACK VALINSKI:** No, I think he probably-- I think he probably--

**PRESENTER 2:** No, no, no, you heard it first here.

**JACK VALINSKI:** Lesbian and Gay Voices.

**PRESENTER 2:** You heard it first here.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Oh, really?

**JIMMY CARPER:** Really. Exclusive.

**PRESENTER 2:** Oh, my god.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Wow.

**PRESENTER 2:** Jack did a--

**JIMMY CARPER:** That is wonderful.

**PRESENTER 2:** Jack did one honest--

**JACK VALINSKI:** No, I didn't do it. I mean, it just happened.

**JIMMY CARPER:** That is wonderful.

**JACK VALINSKI:** It just-- sometimes you work very hard, and things just happen. Also, last year, we produced about 100-page Pride guide and distributed it around the community.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Yeah, that was great.

**JACK VALINSKI:** This year, it's going to be a 300-page-- 165-page, full-color Pride guide. And it's not going to cost the Pride committee a penny. It's a national company who's doing it. They do it for five cities-- San Francisco, Los Angeles, Washington, we believe New York, and Houston. And Houston gets, like, 60 pages. The rest of it are all national stories. But we had the say in those national stories, with the other committees. And then one page in each other city will have Houston stuff in it.

**PRESENTER 2:** Cool, a trade-off.

**JACK VALINSKI:** So this is a really great thing.

**PRESENTER 2:** That is really great.

**JACK VALINSKI:** Yes, they're going to be all over the community. And in some places, it will also be sold-- and I don't mean that we're trying to sell it-- but there be some places where you can't get it for free. It will be in the bookstore like the Borders type, Barnes & Noble, not only in Houston but all around. And we have plans to try to distribute it throughout the region-- New Orleans, Austin, San Antonio.

And of course, our partners again will be the *Texas Triangle*. Because the Pride guide has pretty much gone to bed already, the *Texas Triangle* will be publishing the events as we get-- all five weeks there. So that helps with the publicity. We again will we working with KRBE. And it's really neat because we've talked to them, and they've been very, very good to us. They want to make sure that they're not excluding KPFT, which is really, really great.

**PRESENTER 2:** That's really nice. Good.

**JACK VALINSKI:** And as much as, believe me, I've put so many hours into KPFT, and we love it and everything that's done here, we also need to get the word out in that.

**PRESENTER 3:** Yeah, you bet.

**JACK VALINSKI:** And last year, we finally sort of did another milestone. We had a member of our committee who speaks Spanish who did an interview on channel 45.

**PRESENTER 3:** Great.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Really?

**JACK VALINSKI:** Yes. It was fabulous. And we got-- we actually bought-- you can buy the tapes of these things. It's called electronic clipping service. And it was just fabulous to see that. And this year, we're going to try to do a better job than that.

But all throughout the month-- and this is to everybody who is part of an organization or wants to get their organization a little bit more publicity and do stuff-- you can do an event. An event can be anything from your regular meeting to having a night out, having an educational forum.

And it doesn't have to be just a non-profit organization. There's nothing wrong with doing a thing like financial planning, any type of educational thing. And how you do that is you fill out an event form. And the best way to get information is to go to our website, which is [pridehouston.org](http://pridehouston.org). And you can download the parade application.

And we do something here in Houston to encourage people to get their parade application in early is that we line the parade up as we get the applications in. So that's an incentive to get your applications in. The event application is in there. And something else that we haven't done in a long time is this year, on June 24, we are going to have a festival.

**PRESENTER 2:** Great. Great. I'm excited.

**JACK VALINSKI:** And we sort of got away from the festival as we started getting the Night Parade. We wanted to really make that a key thing that we do in Pride. Now, it's time to go back to the festival. And it's going to be from 1:00 to 6:00, I believe, at Garden in the Heights, which is on Feagan, just outside of Montrose. That's

**PRESENTER 2:** That's gonna be Sunday-- Sunday, Sunday, Sunday.

**RAINBO:** They have lots of parking.

**JIMMY CARPER:** And I have to say this-- I mentioned much earlier in the show that I was at a concert tonight at The Sidecar Pub, which featured Christy Claxton, who is a Texas singer/songwriter, and Daniel Link. And Christy told me that she has already been contacted by the Pride committee about performing at the festival.

**JACK VALINSKI:** Well, you know--

**JIMMY CARPER:** And, I must add that JD Doyle was also there. And he provided the Pride committee with a list of 10 very good gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered artists.

**JACK VALINSKI:** Well, there's an old activist in this community who taught me a few tricks. His name is Ray Hill. And you know, I'm getting a little bit off the subject here, but I remember Ray used to go to Austin every year when the session was in. And this will probably be the first time he missed it in a long, long time.

And you know, Ray used to fight for the bookstores and for First Amendment rights. And I mean, First Amendment rights is the first thing that Ray fights for. And he went all the way to the Supreme Court to fight for that. And I used to ask him, I says, you know, Ray, you go up there and you fight for certain things, and you basically have no budget. I mean, he stays in a cheap hotel. And he pretty much bums his way up there.

And then you look at the city of Houston, and they spend, like, a million dollars lobbying for certain things. But one of the-- and Ray, many times, wins over the city of Houston or some of the big lobbyists. And I says, how do you do this, Ray? And he says, basically, I sit down with people, and I ask them, how can we work together? And a lot of times, there is that common bond.

And I asked Jimmy maybe a year ago-- I think it was a year ago-- can you help us do some music on Lesbian and Gay Voices? And you pointed out JD. And it's just amazing that-- and this is a perfect example-- I said JD, can you do this? What do I need to help you? And what can you do?

And basically, he just went on. And at first, it was a little bit tough for him to put the show together because he had to get somebody to help him in the production. Because JD doesn't like to do it live.

**JIMMY CARPER:** No. No, no, no, no. He's a perfectionist.

**JACK VALINSKI:** And now it's gotten to a point where he's cutting a CD.

**JIMMY CARPER:** He bought a mixer at home.

**JACK VALINSKI:** And yes. And it's so fabulous that now, we get this CD, and we're ready to do the show.

**JIMMY CARPER:** It's great. It's just great.

**JACK VALINSKI:** And he is becoming nationally known in the music field. I mean, he was already internationally known because he is an expert on GLBT music. But now he's working-- With *This Way Out*.

**JIMMY CARPER:** --with *This Way Out*.

**JACK VALINSKI:** And just recently, maybe about two or three weeks ago, *This Way Out*, they generally do three segments. They do a new segment and then two feature segments. Well, of those two feature segments, JD was part of one, and Jone Devlin of Lesbian and Gay Voices did the other one.

**JIMMY CARPER:** No, I didn't know that.

**JACK VALINSKI:** So yes, it's fabulous. And it's really nice to-- everybody complains about, well, we can't get enough people involved. We can't get enough people involved. But sometimes we approach it wrong. Sometimes we look inside the box. And sometimes we always think we've got to do it this way.

And I was originally against the night parade idea. Because I thought, you know, I was concerned, would the city let us do it? Will we have the security? Will people go out to do it? And throughout the process of trying to figure out whether we should do it-- because I originally thought we needed to move the parade to the spring or the fall because the daytime June parade was just not working.

**RAINBO:** Sweltering, yeah.

**JACK VALINSKI:** Exactly. Too many of us come from other places, and it was too hot. This is the most air-conditioned city in the world. But crazy Lee Harrington-- and I'm being redundant here because I love Lee Harrington, but he can drive you crazy because he is crazy-- is that he kept saying that we need to do this because Sydney, Australia does the gay Mardi Gras in February, which is their summer.

And it is not only the biggest gay and lesbian and transgendered bisexual event, it's the biggest event in Australia, except for the Olympics this year. And it's broadcast nationally on TV there. And it's just this fabulous event. They have 10 full-time people that work for them. And then, when they're in season, there's like 25 people on the staff, being paid.

And it's just incredible. And I've got to talk to them over the years. Because we would meet at pride conferences. And it's just amazing what they do, yet they always try to stay to the spirit of what it is. So we learned from that. We learned how to do the night parade. And now the night parade in Houston is not only the gay and lesbian event, it is an event.

And this past year, the Convention and Visitors Bureau put a full-page ad at no cost to us because they wanted to help promote it. Because strangely enough-- we have this on a Saturday night-- people come to Houston, and they spend money.

We did a survey with the caucus a few years ago, and we found out in the audience-- it's just a random sampling-- about 40%, somewhere between 30% and 40%, were from outside the metro area. And this is great. We're showcasing this parade not only to people in Houston-- that's our focus is our audience of our community-- but we're now showcasing it to the rest of Texas.

**JEWEL GRAY:** And I just saw recently some kind of report-- I can't remember exactly what it was-- that said that cities that have large gay and lesbian populations-- gay, lesbian, bisexual transgender populations-- are wealthier cities. They attract what was it, oh, you didn't read it.

**JACK VALINSKI:** Well, the high-tech industry.

**PRESENTER 1:** The high tech stuff, yeah.

**JEWEL GRAY:** The high-tech industry. That's what it was.

**JACK VALINSKI:** And it was really interesting. Because it's not that long ago that gays were not really encouraged to be out or even to be working in these things. And they found out that a lot of us have a lot of talent.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Right, a lot of talent.

**JACK VALINSKI:** And they find out that companies really do work better when you have this diversity. And it's so wonderful to live in a city like this where we do have this diversity.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Not to hide it so that somebody is afraid to peep. That creativity is afraid to peek. Because somebody's going to knock it down with their lifestyle or something. And they don't have to hide it. And you've got a lot more creativity out of people, more talent.

**JACK VALINSKI:** And the diversity within the community is incredible. I mean, look at this diversity. I mean look at *After Hours*, the diversity within *After Hours*. It's fabulous.

**PRESENTER 3:** Oh, lord, yes.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Thank you. Thank you.

**PRESENTER 2:** All kinds of diversity we got here.

**PRESENTER 3:** We even allow clowns.

**JEWEL GRAY:** I don't know him. That's diverse.

**PRESENTER 4:** Yeah, I was exercising a little [INAUDIBLE] earlier today. [CLEARS THROAT]

**PRESENTER 1:** Yeah, who are we, anyway?

**PRESENTER 2:** Ooh, you're [? packing ?] some of your sexuality.

[LAUGHTER]

**JIMMY CARPER:** Oh, gosh.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Well, it's sure been a great show.

**RAINBO:** Why did you choose to be homosexual?

**JEWEL GRAY:** Did I choose to be homosexual?

**RAINBO:** First, you chose it because-- we just chose to be homosexual by talent, and then interview, then swimsuit.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Then swimsuit.

**RAINBO:** And then evening gown.

**JIMMY CARPER:** The swimsuit competition is the toughest.

**PRESENTER 4:** Hey, hey, you know--

**JEWEL GRAY:** --evening gown that got everybody for me.

**PRESENTER 4:** --we didn't even get to the movie, the movie, portion of the show.

**JEWEL GRAY:** The movie question, which was-- did you see *Hannibal*?

**PRESENTER 4:** Yes, I saw *Hannibal*.

**JIMMY CARPER:** It sucked.

**PRESENTER 4:** I was--

**JEWEL GRAY:** If it's anything like the book, it's awful.

**PRESENTER 4:** I was disappointed.

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

**PRESENTER 4:** I was disappointed.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Jewel, sit down.

**JEWEL GRAY:** I'm going to.

**JIMMY CARPER:** OK. [LAUGHS] No, no, no, no, it was disappointing.

**PRESENTER 4:** It was disappointing. But *Quills* is wonderful.

**RAINBO:** I [? honestly ?] think *Quills* is wonderful.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Of course, of course.

**JIMMY CARPER:** OK, how about queer movies?

**PRESENTER 4:** This [INAUDIBLE] is terrible.

**JACK VALINSKI:** Well, actually, this is a great segue. Because this Monday, we were going to have-- boy, her name always escapes me, the new person from Landmark Theatres.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Oh, I know. I can't remember her name, either.

**JACK VALINSKI:** Mary Beth-- boy, I'm terrible.

**PRESENTER 4:** It's not Sarah Gish anymore?

**JEWEL GRAY:** No.

**JACK VALINSKI:** But one of the great movies that are coming up, and we've heard a lot about this, is *Before Night Falls*. I think it actually opens next Friday at Landmark. And it's a story about a gentleman who was gay in Cuba and that he is just this incredible artist. And he ends up moving to New York. And he actually ends up committing suicide. But the reviews of this has been fabulous. Mary-- Amy Beth, Amy Beth. And I should be ashamed for not remembering her name. But we've known Sarah so long.

**JEWEL GRAY:** I know, I know.

**JACK VALINSKI:** And then there's another movie coming out, the short films, the three films together.

**JEWEL GRAY:** The boys shorts?

**JACK VALINSKI:** Yes. Yes, three is coming, also to Landmark. And there's a movie coming to the Angelika. And it's a foreign film. And it's two male names, and I don't remember this one, either. But it's about two young boys growing up, and there's definitely a gay theme in that. And that's-- and we've got, of course, the film festival coming up this year, too, again, which happens every year in the Memorial Day holiday, between that and the first week in June.

**JIMMY CARPER:** That one's going to be running into Pride month.

**JACK VALINSKI:** Yes. And the interesting thing about that--

**PRESENTER 4:** Is it at all different theaters?

**JACK VALINSKI:** Yes. That's the unique-- it's interesting because a couple years ago, we brought somebody in from San Francisco to talk about their film festival, which was fabulous. And Houston quite didn't have a place to put this at home.

So it was basically the straight women who came together who managed some of these theaters and who worked this thing out. And Houston has this diversity of having Landmark Theatres, both theaters, the Angelika downtown, which is the commercial theaters, but then we also have Rice Media Center, DiverseWorks and--

**JIMMY CARPER:** The museum.

**JACK VALINSKI:** --the Museum of Fine Arts and Aurora Picture Show.

**JIMMY CARPER:** That's right, Aurora.

**JACK VALINSKI:** And this is, like, the most diverse, as far as I know, film festival, with the venues. And each theater can showcase different things. Aurora can showcase the short films and the smaller screen type of stuff. And we all love DiverseWorks-- it's so unique to Houston-- and Rice Media Center.

And the fact that they're in these different parts of town will bring an audience here that is-- some people didn't like the fact that it's over Memorial Day weekend. But it also gives us a chance that some of us have that day off to see these films. And it is really great. And it just leads right into Pride. And it's this whole festival--

**JIMMY CARPER:** Yeah, it's just great. --of

**JACK VALINSKI:** Stuff going on.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Just great.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Well, I just can't wait for the summer. Of course, it's only 30 degrees outside, and that--

**JIMMY CARPER:** Hey, whatever.

**JEWEL GRAY:** --may influence me. That may influence me. But I just can't wait for summer. I'm just excited about this year. And I'm excited about getting together and doing a lot of work for this election we're going to get. I'm hoping that it'll be November. But whenever it is, we gotta be ready. And I'm excited.

**RAINBO:** Well, I got something to say. And I told Jack--

**JIMMY CARPER:** Oh, what a surprise.

**RAINBO:** Again, I have something to say because I talked to Jack about this earlier.

**PRESENTER 4:** No, get out.

**JIMMY CARPER:** [LAUGHS]

**RAINBO:** I went to the Art Car Museum tonight because they had another art opening. And it was fun. It was fun. They had good food there. I love these things when they have good food.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Food.

**RAINBO:** Yes. But I had looked over the guidelines for their parade. And I saw--

**JEWEL GRAY:** No big classic butts.

[LAUGHTER]

**RAINBO:** Don't make me lose my train of thought there.

[LAUGHTER]

The awards they give out. And one of the awards is a political award--

**JEWEL GRAY:** Oh, really?

**RAINBO:** --a political entry. And they give \$250 away.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Oh, cool.

**JIMMY CARPER:** That's yours. It's in the bag.

**RAINBO:** And my van is sort of political.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Sort of?

**PRESENTER 2:** Sort of?

**PRESENTER 4:** Sort of. It's very political. Duh.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Extremely.

**RAINBO:** And I suggested to Mary-- it's a real girl at the art museum--

[LAUGHTER]

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

**RAINBO:** --who is in charge of filtering out who can be in and if it's really an art car or not. And I told her about my idea of having something about the referendum surrounding my van, the gay mobile, the queer mobile, the rainbow mobile. And she said she loved the idea. And so far, there was no political entry yet.

**PRESENTER 1:** You're kidding.

**JIMMY CARPER:** So you win by default.

**PRESENTER 3:** You're a shoo-in.

**RAINBO:** I'm looking for people that would love to help me out.

**JEWEL GRAY:** I think you ought to have about six guys in real tight little underwear, silver underwear, pulling your car.

**RAINBO:** We can play with it at Art Car.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Slapping them, pulling your car.

**RAINBO:** What I would like to get is the gay fairy guy, the fairy circle guy.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Oh, yes.

**PRESENTER 4:** The Radical Faeries?

**JIMMY CARPER:** The Radical Faeries.

**RAINBO:** Yeah, I would love to have the Radical Faeries on roller skates.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Oh, yeah, that'd be cool.

**PRESENTER 4:** Pulling a [? lawn mower with ?] [? the name. ?]

**JEWEL GRAY:** Well, you know--

**PRESENTER 4:** And then having something to deal with--

**JIMMY CARPER:** You are never at a loss for ideas.

**PRESENTER 4:** Yeah, with their little fairy wings on.

**RAINBO:** With the referendum. And I could even have a wagon where we could have some type of a float type deal on the back of it. And my idea is the historical part about our gay heritage.

**JIMMY CARPER:** And instead of throwing confetti or anything, you can throw voter registration cards.

**JEWEL GRAY:** That's right.

**JACK VALINSKI:** Let me just say, Rainbo, that sounds great. But just be careful that we're not going to be scaring off that middle group that might be--

**JIMMY CARPER:** Oh, Rainbo, you're going to scare them off. Yeah, they're not going to like her.

**RAINBO:** Let me tell you about the Art Car Parade. Whenever they can have 12 guys and girls-- one of them was a girl and she was portraying as Jesus-- going down the street with a shopping cart, making it look like a table--

**JIMMY CARPER:** Yes, that was fabulous.

**RAINBO:** --calling it *The Last Buffet* and they're all on roller skates. Anything goes--

**PRESENTER 1:** Oh, my god.

**RAINBO:** --in the Art Car Parade.

**JACK VALINSKI:** But Rainbo, you do bring up a very interesting. When people go put their units together for the parade, not everybody knows how to do it. And last year, we started the first one, but this year, we'll do it again is we have a workshop on how to do a float--

**JEWEL GRAY:** That's a very good idea.

**JACK VALINSKI:** --how to do a walking unit and stuff like that. And we may even ask you to help out. Because you always come up with these crazy ideas. But that's what makes our community. And I love the Art Car Parade.

**JIMMY CARPER:** You could be the liaison to the community and help them--

**RAINBO:** Again?

**JIMMY CARPER:** Yeah, you can be the creative liaison from the Pride community to the community.

**RAINBO:** One thing we do have in the Art Car Parade, we do have 250 entries. And it's one of the longest parades.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Cool beans.

**RAINBO:** And it goes to the international festival. And I think, being very diverse as we are-- and I would like to promote the referendum is what I would like to do. And I mean, I think there's one possible other entry that's going to be in. And it has to do with the politics of one of our presidents. So there's all kinds of-- and I believe there will probably be. There'll probably be a few chads in the parade.

**JACK VALINSKI:** Loose chads, huh? I hope so.

**PRESENTER 4:** Maybe a few butterfly ballot cars.

**RAINBO:** Ooh, I don't know.

**JACK VALINSKI:** Well, I'd just like to give the information, a number, for the Pride committee. The website is [pridehouston.org](http://pridehouston.org). The Pride Line is 713-529-6979. And our email address is [info@pridehouston.org](mailto:info@pridehouston.org).

**JIMMY CARPER:** Good. Thank you, Jack, for being here.

**JACK VALINSKI:** Well, thank you. I appreciate it.

**JIMMY CARPER:** And I'm really glad that Jewel invited you. I mean, I'm used to just expecting you on the Saturday night [INAUDIBLE].

**JEWEL GRAY:** There's always a standing invitation with Jack. He has an understanding. I have an understanding that when he has some time and he has something he wants to tell people about that we want him here.

**JACK VALINSKI:** And pride is not just in June.

**JEWEL GRAY:** That's right.

**JACK VALINSKI:** It's all the time.

**JEWEL GRAY:** It's all the time.

**JACK VALINSKI:** And it comes from within.

**JEWEL GRAY:** And it takes all year to put together a good parade.

**JACK VALINSKI:** Absolutely.

**PRESENTER 4:** Just grab the T-shirt, girl.

**JEWEL GRAY:** You just grab a T-shirt. I can't see it. I like the front.

**RAINBO:** I will model it for you. OK, what's it say in the front?

**JEWEL GRAY:** It says "Houston Gay and Lesbian Pride 2021."

[MUSIC - PET SHOP BOYS, "GO WEST"]

**JACK VALINSKI:** And the back says "embrace diversity."

**JEWEL GRAY:** Embrace diversity, yes.

**PRESENTER 1:** Houston gay and lesbian pride.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Yeah, like a hug, like you get a hug. Cool.

**RAINBO:** And they're how much?

**JACK VALINSKI:** \$12.

**JEWEL GRAY:** \$12-- a reasonable \$12.

**PRESENTER 1:** A white T-shirt with black lettering and a bit of green, it looks like, on the back.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Thank you very much.

**PRESENTER 4:** In a couple of weeks, they'll have black shirts.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Oh, I can't wait for the black shirts. Jewel, thanks for being here.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Oh, my pleasure. And we'll see you guys next month, when Horse will be here on my show, the 17th.

**PRESENTER 4:** Horse, the day of [INAUDIBLE].

**JIMMY CARPER:** Horse, yes.

**PRESENTER 4:** You know what? That's the day before.

**JEWEL GRAY:** I wrote her a note the other day and said that I was glad she was coming and I wouldn't be drooling. She wrote me back. She said, I really didn't notice.

[LAUGHTER]

**PRESENTER 4:** That'll be the day before--

**JEWEL GRAY:** She's so kind.

**PRESENTER 4:** --the march on Austin.

**JEWEL GRAY:** That's right. That's right, 16th.

**JIMMY CARPER:** OK. We'll see you next month, Jewel.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Okey-doke.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Jewel, and Jim, thank you. Rainbo, Alyssa, thank you very much. And of course, Jack, thank you very much for being here. In the background, we've got "Go West" by the Pet Shop Boys. That was requested from Tony. And he wants to dedicate it to Doug. So let's hear some more of it.