

**JIMMY CARPER:** --find that your position helps take a little pressure off of Annise as being the only openly gay person in Houston politics?

**JANINE** Well, I hope so. She hasn't mentioned-- I mean, we haven't talked about that. But I hope it does. Because I think

**BRUNJES:** Annise has done a fine job. And if there's anything I can take off her shoulders, I'd be more than happy to. And I think it's key and a focus of mine that, of course, she gets reelected here.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Yeah. Yeah, it's a focus of mine too.

**SPEAKER 1:** Do you have any political ambitions?

**JEWEL GRAY:** I don't even live here, and it's a focus of mine.

**JANINE** It's always like--

**BRUNJES:**

**SPEAKER 1:** Do you have political ambitions?

**JEWEL GRAY:** There you go.

**JANINE** Did he say something?

**BRUNJES:**

[LAUGHTER]

**JEWEL GRAY:** So if you run for--

**JANINE** Is he just passing through here?

**BRUNJES:**

**JEWEL GRAY:** A couple of seats are going to be up here pretty soon, huh?

**JANINE** Well, I don't--

**BRUNJES:**

**JEWEL GRAY:** Well, the thing is-- I know what he's talking about. I'm wondering the same thing. I'm seeing somebody I wouldn't mind representing me.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Right, you bet.

**JEWEL GRAY:** --someone smart with background, commitment.

**SPEAKER 1:** If I didn't like you, I wouldn't have asked you that question.

**JANINE** OK, yeah. It's teeing me up here.

**BRUNJES:**

**JEWEL GRAY:** It's gonna be something that people are asking about. Because it's not that we don't have it out there. It just so rarely sparkles so that everybody can see it. We have so rare exposure so people can see that people like you, we're full of people-- I don't want to downgrade anybody, like duh over here.

[LAUGHTER]

**SPEAKER 1:** And she's not pointing at me.

**JIMMY CARPER:** I don't know that--

**JEWEL GRAY:** He's hanging out over here. There's a rumor that--

**JIMMY CARPER:** A lot of us are old ACT UP activists.

**JEWEL GRAY:** I don't know that-- I read--

**JIMMY CARPER:** And that's our field.

**JEWEL GRAY:** --your statement about long-haired people with--

**SPEAKER 1:** No, but that's--

**JIMMY CARPER:** That's stereotypical.

**JANINE** You know, I used to have long hair.

**BRUNJES:**

[LAUGHTER]

**SPEAKER 1:** All right.

**JANINE** What you all don't know about me is I was homecoming queen. Now, Jewel, I know that makes me more

**BRUNJES:** attractive.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Oh, yes. Oh, yeah.

**SPEAKER 1:** Well, then, you've won elections before, then.

**JEWEL GRAY:** I was attractive to one girl who would [INAUDIBLE]

**JANINE** Right. What's her name? Cathy Bates? Or who's the one that did *Exorcist*? Oh, *Carrie*. There's a movie about a

**BRUNJES:** homecoming queen.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Yes, *Carrie*, yes.

**JANINE** I was none of those. But I'll tell you I have--

**BRUNJES:**

**JIMMY CARPER:** None of those.

**SPEAKER 1:** Sissy Spacek.

**JANINE** Sissy Spacek, yeah.

**BRUNJES:**

**SPEAKER 1:** That was *Carrie*.

**JANINE** You know, I was going with the captain of the cheerleading squad. So it goes way-- his statement for me is--

**BRUNJES:**

**JEWEL GRAY:** Frightening.

**JANINE** It's very frightening.

**BRUNJES:**

**JIMMY CARPER:** Frightening.

**JANINE** It was very frightening.

**BRUNJES:**

**JIMMY CARPER:** If you'd have said football team, I'd have said, OK.

**JANINE** No, no.

**BRUNJES:**

[LAUGHTER]

**JIMMY CARPER:** Those two teams, that's right.

**JANINE** No, I caught on very early. But aspirations-wise, I think the whole experience I had in Palm Beach took me to

**BRUNJES:** another level of wanting to be more involved. And I think my experience with the liaison position now and the mayor and the community has given me an opportunity to take a look at what it would be like, at some level. So I'm not saying that's totally out of the picture. But you have to totally be prepared to be in public office.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Oh, yeah, you take a beating. You have to be prepared to take the 1,000 lashes, for sure.

**SPEAKER 1:** It's sort of like opening a mic here.

**JEWEL GRAY:** I couldn't do it.

**SPEAKER 1:** No matter what you say, 50% of the people are going to be mad.

**JANINE** Right, yeah, right.

**BRUNJES:**

**JEWEL GRAY:** I've had too many scandals, I know them--

**JIMMY CARPER:** I'm going to get annoyed.

**JEWEL GRAY:** They'd find every one of them.

**JANINE** Yeah. Well, and--

**BRUNJES:**

**JEWEL GRAY:** The time they caught me with that underaged--

**JIMMY CARPER:** Oh.

**JANINE** Oh, yeah, well.

**BRUNJES:**

**SPEAKER 1:** What? What was that? What?

**JANINE** I don't think I have anything like that in my past.

**BRUNJES:**

**JIMMY CARPER:** I couldn't run.

**JANINE** But who knows?

**BRUNJES:**

**JIMMY CARPER:** I told a lie once. I couldn't run.

**JANINE** Yeah. Well, we'll see. Because I know one part of running for office, particularly if it's council, you've got to kind of

**BRUNJES:** balance-- I'm not a Kennedy, and I don't have a big war chest. So you have to balance that with having your own business kind of balance.

**JIMMY CARPER:** You don't want to cut your throat.

**JANINE** Right. And I'm working to do that. And I do have the approval of my--

**BRUNJES:**

**JIMMY CARPER:** Well, this community has been very supportive of me. So I know every time anybody's ever put the word in front of me that I've always tried to put whatever I could into her campaign. And I will again this year. So it's really just a matter of letting people know that you exist and you have ideas and what your politics are.

Now, I know, in your position, you're not-- even though it's, to me, a political position-- that you really shouldn't have any politics as far as your job goes. And I'm sure that you handle that with-- because I know there's some real irritating other people in town. And I know that--

[LAUGHTER]

Irritating other people.

**JANINE** That's a good point.

**BRUNJES:**

**JIMMY CARPER:** The Republicans.

**JANINE** And you're right. I really, in taking this position, I realized that, whereas it's not a secret what my political

**BRUNJES:** persuasion is, I have, I think good relationships and diplomatic relationships with those-- with the Republican people in our community. And I listen to them as I would listen to anyone. Because you have to. I mean, the office of mayor is bipartisan.

**JIMMY CARPER:** They're gonna tell you when they're gonna kick at you.

**JANINE** Yeah. And I work with them as I work with the Democrats.

**BRUNJES:**

**JIMMY CARPER:** Well, you have to because we're all-- that's who you're representing.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Your job is the gay and lesbian people representative, or liaison, and not a particular political party. Do you see him tonight? Do you see-- do you notice? I bet-- oh, you've done.

**SPEAKER 2:** What? What?

**SPEAKER 3:** He's very quiet.

**SPEAKER 2:** What's he talking about?

**JANINE** He looks like a--

**BRUNJES:**

**JIMMY CARPER:** She doesn't know you as well. I was asking her if she recognized it. She doesn't know you as well.

**JANINE** He looks like a real kind golden retriever. He's watching us, and he's really--

**BRUNJES:**

[LAUGHTER]

**JIMMY CARPER:** You are so correct.

**JEWEL GRAY:** He is.

**JIMMY CARPER:** You are so correct.

**JEWEL GRAY:** A big teddy bear is what I feel.

**JANINE** He really is.

**BRUNJES:**

**JIMMY CARPER:** Yes.

**JEWEL GRAY:** He's adorable, but he's awful quiet.

**SPEAKER 2:** Oh, well, I'm just soaking it all in.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Oh, I see.

**JANINE** Yeah, yeah.

**BRUNJES:**

**JEWEL GRAY:** Jim's real good at that--

**JIMMY CARPER:** Janine, may I ask you about--

**JEWEL GRAY:** --watching [INAUDIBLE].

**JIMMY CARPER:** --how up you may be on bisexual and transgendered issues?

**SPEAKER 1:** Speaking of Jim.

**JANINE** I think more than I was two months ago. It has been incredible. I've made some really good friends. For instance, **BRUNJES:** today, I helped do some of the screening for the scholarships for HATCH. And I met many folks who were transgender. And this is new. I got it. I understand it. And I'm learning better how to speak about it.

**JIMMY CARPER:** I think it's a matter of exposure.

**SPEAKER 1:** Yes, it is.

**JIMMY CARPER:** I don't get that exposure. I want it, but I don't get it. And I think that's what it is. I've talked about this before. I didn't understand what it was about the comfort level for me. And I think it's because I just don't have the exposure.

**JANINE** Yeah, it's--

**BRUNJES:**

**SPEAKER 1:** You don't need it. They don't have about it.

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

**JEWEL GRAY:** Oh, don't kid yourself.

**SPEAKER 1:** There's 10%. I forgot. I forgot.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Don't kid yourself.

**JIMMY CARPER:** There's actually a little Vietnamese guy down the road.

**JANINE** Well, discomfort is not knowing. And I was always-- I think that's what happens with heterosexual people. I think **BRUNJES:** part of their fear--

**JIMMY CARPER:** Exactly. They don't get to spend time with us.

**JANINE** --is that they don't know. They don't know about us.

**BRUNJES:**

**JIMMY CARPER:** I agree totally with you.

**JEWEL GRAY:** That's why it's just as vital for bisexual and trans people to come out and say. Because it's the same thing when we started-- when Harvey Milk started screaming, come out. The more we came out, the more we recognized, the more we grew and learned about each other. It's the same thing.

**SPEAKER 1:** The more people realize--

**JEWEL GRAY:** --come out and scream and yell and make themselves--

**SPEAKER 1:** And we did.

**JEWEL GRAY:** We're here. We're here. You're gonna pay attention to us. That's right.

**SPEAKER 1:** Didn't we do that June?

**JEWEL GRAY:** That's right. We sure did.

**SPEAKER 1:** We surely did.

**JIMMY CARPER:** We did.

**SPEAKER 1:** More people recognize that we are here. It's like we are all a part of this community.

**JANINE** That's right.

**BRUNJES:**

**JEWEL GRAY:** But I'm with you-- I'm sorry, Bobby. I'm sorry.

**SPEAKER 1:** And that we're all we-- don't all fit a certain stereotype. We don't all fit into these little pigeonholes of what people have created, the ideas that people have created.

**JEWEL GRAY:** And I want to tell you I don't understand everything. I don't understand everything.

**SPEAKER 1:** What?

**JEWEL GRAY:** I don't understand everything. I sure don't.

[LAUGHTER]

I said that before on this show. There are things I don't understand, I can't figure out. And maybe I never will. But that's not the point. That's my private stuff. It has nothing to do with my politics, which I say, hey, my politics are every single person on this planet deserves the same dignity and rights as any other single person. It doesn't matter who you are. And that goes for across the board.

So it seems to me that we're ignoring that thing, that very thing right there. It's not about gay and lesbian. It's about being part of the human race. It's not about gay and lesbian, bisexual, transsexual. It's about we are human beings, and we want to be recognized as such.

**JANINE** Well, we're more powerful as that group, too, I think, as what I call a bloc. I just think that we're in the whole. I

**BRUNJES:** was so thrilled. You remember when *OutSmart* went with the whole trans that it pulls everybody in. And I'll tell you, quite a few trans-- Melanie included--

**JEWEL GRAY:** We're going to be talking to Melanie.

**JANINE** Yeah, I know. She attends the Roundtable. And they're very articulate and very verbose. And it's really been

**BRUNJES:** helpful to me as I--

**JEWEL GRAY:** I see a lot of positive activists in our community who are doing wonderful things.

**JIMMY CARPER:** And it's only happened in the past five, six, seven years.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Five, six years, yeah.

**JANINE** It really has.

**BRUNJES:**

**JIMMY CARPER:** Because I didn't know anybody who was legitimate. I always knew the little strange drag queen around the corner who played games and stuff. But I never met anybody who was legitimately, what do they call it, sexually misrepresented-- is that what they call it?-- at birth. Sexually--

**JEWEL GRAY:** It depends.

**JIMMY CARPER:** --something. I'm not quite sure what they call it.

**JEWEL GRAY:** But you can think of it as a birth defect or--

**JIMMY CARPER:** But they recognize--

**JEWEL GRAY:** --wrong body.

**JIMMY CARPER:** --they recognized it.

**SPEAKER 1:** It's in the news all the time, too.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Right. Now I'm hearing about it on the news.

**SPEAKER 1:** Every time you turn around it's--

**JEWEL GRAY:** That's what I'm saying. It's a matter-- it's the same thing, same battle we had when we started screaming and yelling that they're meeting right now. They just need more exposure. People get to know more people and talk. This is-- what is this, how the world should run. That's the way we should start. I believe that we should teach by example.

**SPEAKER 1:** It's not always on Sally Jessy Rafael.

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

**JEWEL GRAY:** Sometimes it's on 20 Hours.

**SPEAKER 1:** It's On 20/20, *Nightline*, and everything else.

**JANINE** I think we're getting more positive.

**BRUNJES:**

**JIMMY CARPER:** Anyplace but *Jerry Springer*.

**JANINE** Yeah.

**BRUNJES:**

**JIMMY CARPER:** Anyplace but *Jerry Springer*.

**JANINE** I think we're getting more positive press. And I mentioned that just before I came in in the *Chronicle*, with the

**BRUNJES:** Rothko. My point made the front page *Metro*.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Oh, yes, yes.

**JANINE** And it was a very well-- Matt Schwartz wrote that, and it was very positive and upbeat.

**BRUNJES:**

**JIMMY CARPER:** Oh, he's good, Matt Schwartz is.

**JANINE** And there's going to be a section, I think, on the parade tomorrow. I'm eager to see that. But I feel like we've

**BRUNJES:** been getting a really positive swipe from the *Chronicle* over the past four or five months.

**JEWEL GRAY:** I have, too. As a matter of fact, I've written a couple of letters thanking them and swearing that I was going to take their paper. [LAUGHTER]

**JIMMY CARPER:** Well, it seems that I hear less and less from the opposite side about special rights. Because we've proved that to be--

**JEWEL GRAY:** We've proved that beyond a doubt. They can't throw that at you anymore.

**JIMMY CARPER:** But you still get that. You still get that. And that's still-- that's work we have to do, stuff we still have to do.

**SPEAKER 1:** But it's usually on talk radio.

**JEWEL GRAY:** And I jump right back at them when I hear that stuff. It's not special rights. I just want what you get. And well, you do have the right to that. Yeah, I have a right to it, but I don't get it. That's the problem. I have the right to it. I'm not fighting for the right. I'm fighting for the right to make somebody make somebody give it to me because you're not doing that.

You're not protecting me like I should be protected. You're not following-- investigating things to solve crimes and stuff because you would rather spend it on something else. You're not cruising the streets at night looking for somebody to hassle and those kinds of things. And you don't get that. You don't. And I just tell them that. You don't get that. I do. If I'm in the wrong place and somebody picks me out--

**JANINE** I think they got it. I think they clearly understand that now. I think most are picking that up.

**BRUNJES:**

**JEWEL GRAY:** I am pleased as punch just to meet you.

**JANINE** Well, and I'm pleased to meet you, too. And I'll tell you, I think there is no time like now. And I believe I said this--

**BRUNJES:** I got called by the *Chronicle* the other day-- that I think Houston is ready. I think the residents of Houston are ready. And hopefully, they'll show by their vote. We're ready for this nondiscrimination ordinance.

**JEWEL GRAY:** I do, too.

**SPEAKER 1:** If it comes up.

**JEWEL GRAY:** I do too. And the moment--

**JANINE** Yeah, if it comes up.

**BRUNJES:**

**JIMMY CARPER:** That is very-- yes, that's gonna to be--

**JEWEL GRAY:** The first moment I thought that we could do that was when I heard that Gore took Harris County.

**JANINE** Yeah, yeah.

**BRUNJES:**

**JEWEL GRAY:** That's when I thought we could do it. I really did. that's what made me think it.

**JANINE** I think it's a real possibility. Even as I look-- I did some, oh, I guess it's more exit surveying last fall in West

**BRUNJES:** University. And I was so encouraged. I would say that 99% of the people that I asked if they believed in nondiscrimination, they said absolutely.

We can't even believe that the GLBT community is-- well, they didn't say quite that quickly as I did. I'll practice on that. But we can't even believe that they're discriminated against. Most people didn't know. But 99% of them felt as though they would definitely support a nondiscrimination move on the part of our city government.

**JIMMY CARPER:** I need to pop in here and remind people that they are listening to *After Hours*, queer radio with attitude, on KPFT Houston and KEOS College Station. Thank you.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Cool. I find-- I think we're so lucky to have you come down and talk to us.

**JANINE** Thank you.

**BRUNJES:**

**JEWEL GRAY:** I really would like you to come down some other time and talk to us about events going on. Is there something you'd like to talk about tonight that you want to highlight for the community?

**JANINE** Well, I don't want to take any thunder out of-- I know, at some point, there'll be, probably, some discussion--

**BRUNJES:**

**JEWEL GRAY:** That's not-- it's an exclusive here.

**JANINE** --on the station about the Pride parade and the rally. But I don't want to-- but there will be a rally. And I know

**BRUNJES:** there's going to be some discussion about that.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Please talk about the rally. Yeah, talk about it.

**JEWEL GRAY:** We have no idea.

**JANINE** Would you like me to?

**BRUNJES:**

**JEWEL GRAY:** I have no idea what you're talking about.

**SPEAKER 1:** There's people out there in radio land that don't know anything about the rally.

**JEWEL GRAY:** There's only seven people out there, I tell you.

**SPEAKER 1:** There's all kinds of peoples.

**JANINE** OK, but I think there might be more discussion on it on the radio. But I'll mention that before the Pride parade,

**BRUNJES:** there has been some movement afoot, an organized movement, to develop a rally for before the Pride parade.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Well, it sounded like an equity--

**JANINE** Equality.

**BRUNJES:**

**JEWEL GRAY:** Equality.

**JANINE** Yes.

**BRUNJES:**

**JEWEL GRAY:** Really? Is that it?

**JANINE** Yes, in the paper. And it's going to kick off at 7:00. And basically--

**BRUNJES:**

**SPEAKER 1:** (LAUGHING) equity.

**JANINE** Equity-- a lot of financial people will be there--

**BRUNJES:**

[LAUGHTER]

--a lot of brokers. No, so the equality. No, equality rally. But the bottom line is the people, the politicians, that have been invited to come will only be welcome at the podium if they support nondiscrimination.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Cool.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Oh.

**JANINE** So the mayor has jumped right in, of course. He'll be there early.

**BRUNJES:**

**JIMMY CARPER:** Sheila Jackson?

**JANINE** I'm sure Sheila Jack-- I don't know. I think Grant Martin's taking those RSVPs. But also, we've sent out a letter to

**BRUNJES:** leaders of organizations to pull their constituencies together. And we want to see signs, like Hollyfield, Legacy, AssistHers.

**JIMMY CARPER:** You want an old '60s kind of demonstration-- not a riot, a demonstration, which what they were in the beginning, just people demonstrating their feelings.

**JEWEL GRAY:** The early-- in fact, we were talking about this today at the museum-- the early Pride parades were political.

**JANINE** Yes.

**BRUNJES:**

**JEWEL GRAY:** And they were political marches.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Varied demonstrations, yeah.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Later, it changed into more celebratory parades. But I think this is going to be good to get that fervor back.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Get the juices running, yeah. We need some of that.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Because what I think is genius, a stroke of genius, is that they will be meeting-- you'll be meeting-- right around in Mary's by the podium--

**SPEAKER 1:** Lincoln Drive.

**JANINE** Right.

**BRUNJES:**

**JEWEL GRAY:** --then marching backwards right to the beginning of the parade.

**JANINE** To the beginning, right.

**BRUNJES:**

**JEWEL GRAY:** So people are--

**SPEAKER 1:** Going to see it twice.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Yes. Yes, they're going to see the political part and then the celebration.

**JANINE** Right.

**BRUNJES:**

**SPEAKER 6:** I want a stick. Can I be in this?

**JEWEL GRAY:** Just wonderful Just wonderful.

**JANINE** Well, yeah, just show up and give it--

**BRUNJES:**

**JEWEL GRAY:** Just show up.

**JANINE** And I'll tell you--

**BRUNJES:**

**SPEAKER 6:** We're gonna be in the right--

**JANINE** --I think it's going to be--

**BRUNJES:**

**SPEAKER 1:** Yes, I'm already there.

**JANINE** I hope that we'll get some-- we'll get televised. I think it's going to be a huge, positive message to Houston that

**BRUNJES:** we're not the old we're here, we're queer, but we're here. We believe in non-discrimination. Our city officials and those running for office believe in nondiscrimination. And here we are. I think it could be a real exciting night. I really do.

**JIMMY CARPER:** I do, too.

**JANINE** So if there's any one thing over the next week, I would say, of course, the whole involvement in Pride activities, Pride parade, Pride rally. I'd say, for me, those are really the focus right now. And there's other things to follow, but I don't want to dilute those two things because they're the single most important thing that I--

**JEWEL GRAY:** I hear we're expecting 150,000 people to watch the parade.

**JANINE** Yeah.

**BRUNJES:**

**JEWEL GRAY:** And they always count low.

[LAUGHTER]

They always count low.

**JANINE** Well, yeah.

**BRUNJES:**

**SPEAKER 2:** I'm telling you, Billy, this place is a madhouse during the parade every year.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Remember that March in-- was it March in '93, in DC, they really botched the numbers up, I thought.

**SPEAKER 1:** Oh, yes.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Oh, yeah, there was well over a million people there, easy over a million.

**JANINE** Oh, easy.

**BRUNJES:**

**JIMMY CARPER:** They got to something like 300,000 people, they said. There was well over a million. You could look at it and see that. Oh, no, no way. Well over a million people.

**SPEAKER 1:** I'm so looking forward to this year's parade.

**JIMMY CARPER:** National Parks blew that one. That was awful.

**SPEAKER 1:** And 8:45 is when the parade starts.

**JIMMY CARPER:** OK, so the rally is--

**SPEAKER 1:** Approximately, approximately.

**JIMMY CARPER:** --7:00, around Mary somewhere. See, I just need some general--

**JANINE** Lincoln and--

**BRUNJES:**

**JEWEL GRAY:** Because I'm going to be pretty well partied up by that time, liquored up by that time.

**JIMMY CARPER:** It's between Burger King, right?

**JANINE** Yeah, around where the judge stand is, the judge's stand.

**BRUNJES:**

**JEWEL GRAY:** I just need to get it clear because I'm going to be pretty much liquored up and start looking [INAUDIBLE].

**JANINE** Because it's funny. They said, will the mayor walk back towards the beginning? Will he be OK with that? And I

**BRUNJES:** asked him, I said, you know, are you good for that length? Because some people can't walk--

**SPEAKER 1:** It's only 10 blocks.

**JANINE** It's only 10 blocks. He said, how far? I said it's just a block or two. And he said, well, I'll be able to do that. So he

**BRUNJES:** loves the parade. He loves the-- I looked to see what he had on last year. You know, want to be his fashion consultants--

**JEWEL GRAY:** He seemed like kind of a--

[LAUGHTER]

**JANINE** --party guy.

**BRUNJES:**

**JIMMY CARPER:** He ought to get a rhinestone jacket.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Not a crazy party guy. One of those guys who likes a party.

**JIMMY CARPER:** I think he ought to get a rhinestone jacket.

**SPEAKER 1:** That'd be fab.

**JEWEL GRAY:** You know what I think would look great?

**JIMMY CARPER:** Fabu.

**JEWEL GRAY:** You see *Priscilla, Queen of the Desert*? Remember the Aborigine man they dressed up out in the desert?

**SPEAKER 1:** Yes.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Yes.

[LAUGHTER]

**JEWEL GRAY:** It was a big, bright--

**JANINE** Yeah, well, maybe he'll call me on that. I think he had a rainbow necklace on.

**BRUNJES:**

**JIMMY CARPER:** Yes, yes.

**JEWEL GRAY:** I guess that clown guy did it.

**SPEAKER 1:** I'm not seeing our mayor in silver lame, though.

**JIMMY CARPER:** I would love it. I would love it.

**JEWEL GRAY:** I'm only teasing. I'm only teasing.

**JIMMY CARPER:** But no, I think you're right.

**JEWEL GRAY:** It's teasing with love.

**JIMMY CARPER:** The rainbow beaded necklace, I believe he wore that.

**JANINE** Yeah, I'd love to get him a fashion T-shirt, a Pride T-shirt. I think he'd-- I could probably do that.

**BRUNJES:**

**JEWEL GRAY:** Well, people--

**JIMMY CARPER:** That'd be great.

**JEWEL GRAY:** -- a lot of people in this town look back at Kathy Whitmire as a savior. A lot of people, we still do, don't we, Rainbo?

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

**JEWEL GRAY:** She really began a lot of changes. But when he walked in, he finished things. And it's been like that since he came here. And I was really impressed with the changes he made when he was just police chief. Things stopped happening. It still happened but not in the frequency that it was going on before.

It was like-- oh, OK, is it my turn to wind it up? OK. And I can't say enough about how proud I am that we have him for mayor here. I may not like his politics sometimes, but I'm proud of his job.

**SPEAKER 3:** SPEAKER I'm proud of any mayor who actually is in one of our parades and becomes a part of it.

**SPEAKER 1:** And I'm really glad that you're in that position, Janine.

**JANINE** Thank you.

**BRUNJES:**

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

**JANINE** Thank you very much. And I'm really pleased--

**BRUNJES:**

**JEWEL GRAY:** And we really do want you to come back and talk to us again.

**JANINE** I will.

**BRUNJES:**

**JEWEL GRAY:** All you have to do is show up. We'll make room.

**SPEAKER 1:** I still like to hear news people choke on the words "gay pride parade." I just really do.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Gu-gu-gu-gu.

**SPEAKER 1:** When they say-- they used to not say anything at all. And now it's like they say it, but--

**JEWEL GRAY:** The festival in the Montrose. A small gathering.

**JIMMY CARPER:** And it's a nighttime parade. One thing about it, it's a nighttime parade--

**JEWEL GRAY:** Boy, it's gonna be miserable this year.

**JIMMY CARPER:** --with lights, the list festival.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Coat yourself in bug spray because it's gonna be miserable.

**JIMMY CARPER:** A 10-foot-- a 10-foot disco ball. It's right over the Montrose.

**JEWEL GRAY:** It is a party. It is the party of the year. It is the best thing we-- it's when everybody shines their shoes and brush their teeth and go out for the--

**JIMMY CARPER:** I went on skates one year.

**JEWEL GRAY:** You brushed your teeth, didn't you?

**SPEAKER 1:** This will be my first year in the parade.

**JANINE** Oh, is it?

**BRUNJES:**

**SPEAKER 1:** I'm actually going to be in the parade this year for the first time.

**JANINE** Really?

**BRUNJES:**

**SPEAKER 1:** I usually watch it from the sidelines. But I've been asked to be part of one of the floats. It's going to be a lot of fun.

**JEWEL GRAY:** I can't do it anymore.

**SPEAKER 1:** And there's going-- I'm usually at the end of the parade.

**JEWEL GRAY:** It's too long.

**SPEAKER 1:** I'm usually close to the end or-- I think Bud Light's going to be right behind me. But I'm usually the last entry. And so far, my number is 131.

**JANINE** Wow.

**BRUNJES:**

**JIMMY CARPER:** Wow.

**SPEAKER 1:** So that tells you they might have got some extra entries--

**JIMMY CARPER:** Bigger than ever.

**SPEAKER 1:** --before the deadline, which was this week.

**JIMMY CARPER:** We'll be competing with the Rose Parade.

**JEWEL GRAY:** There we go. There we go.

**SPEAKER 1:** Now, if we could just get the prize money they get in the Rose Parade.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Does that mean the pansies are competing with the roses?

**JEWEL GRAY:** Before I let you go, because I really need to get Melanie in here-- before I let you go, there's something else I want to talk about, just real briefly-- about money. That's something that we need a lot of. Are you doing any coordinating or working with anybody about-- are you doing, or are you-- what am I looking for?-- networking with fundraising situations.

**JANINE** Oh, yeah.

**BRUNJES:**

**JEWEL GRAY:** Is that going? Because I'm a little scared. I'm sitting out in never-never land out there. And I don't get the pulse of the community, so I don't know what's going on. And I just sit back there thinking, we don't have enough money, we don't have money, we don't have enough money. I'm down to my fingernails. We don't have enough money.

[LAUGHTER]

**JANINE** Well, that's probably, primarily, what I've been involved in the past 10 years, the fundraising aspects. I've done

**BRUNJES:** that for An Uncommon Legacy. And I work with AssistHers some, Black Tie. So yes, I've been involved in a lot of that. And actually, I enjoy fundraising.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Wow, we need more people like you.

**JANINE** Yeah, I love it.

**BRUNJES:**

**JEWEL GRAY:** Does your position there preclude you from doing political activities?

**JANINE** No.

**BRUNJES:**

**JEWEL GRAY:** OK.

[LAUGHTER]

**JANINE** You mean as far as--

**BRUNJES:**

**JIMMY CARPER:** Short and concise-- nope.

[LAUGHTER]

Don't [INAUDIBLE]-- you were just-- we're just making you [INAUDIBLE].

**JANINE** If it does, I don't know it.

**BRUNJES:**

[LAUGHTER]

**JEWEL GRAY:** They haven't told her yet.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Oh, that's good. Good answer.

**JANINE** Anyway.

**BRUNJES:**

**JIMMY CARPER:** Good answer.

**SPEAKER 1:** Speaking of money, because of the flood and everything, I heard last week-- I went down and looking for a job at the application office. Well, it's been flooded, of course-- 611 Walker. But 7:30 Monday, if people want a job in this city, they're going to be taking people.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Yeah, they'll be hiring for lots of stuff to clean up.

**SPEAKER 1:** There's gonna be a lot of cleanup to do.

**JANINE** Yeah.

**BRUNJES:**

**JIMMY CARPER:** God, the shifts.

**SPEAKER 1:** They're gonna need drivers and everything. So if there's been a GLBT people that are looking for a job--

**JIMMY CARPER:** There you go. Best tip of the night.

**SPEAKER 1:** 7:30 in the morning.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Don't take any of his tips.

**SPEAKER 1:** It's Monday.

[LAUGHTER]

**JANINE** I thought you were going to ask me for money tips.

**BRUNJES:**

**JEWEL GRAY:** As a matter of fact, if you're going to be in politics, you need to move away.

[LAUGHTER]

If you're ever gonna be involved, you need to slide over.

[LAUGHTER]

**JANINE** Move on down this. Move towards the retriever.

**BRUNJES:**

**JEWEL GRAY:** God love Rainbo.

**SPEAKER 1:** Retriever! [LAUGHS]

[LAUGHTER]

**SPEAKER 2:** My new name.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Retriever.

[LAUGHTER]

**JANINE** It's true, though.

**BRUNJES:**

**JEWEL GRAY:** He's thinking about ways to play with that, too.

**JANINE** Yeah that's very, very fond-- that was a very fond thing I said, Jim.

**BRUNJES:**

**SPEAKER 2:** Yes.

**SPEAKER 1:** Yes. Take it that way.

**JEWL GRAY:** Is there any such thing as a grey retriever?

**JIMMY CARPER:** And you're on the internet. And Janine is on the internet once every month--

**JEWEL GRAY:** Yeah, tell us more how to-- yeah.

**JIMMY CARPER:** --in a chat line.

**JANINE** OK, the second Monday of every month, I do the Roundtable, with the exception of this last Monday, I did not.

**BRUNJES:** And the Wednesday after that Monday, from 9:30 to 10:30, I do a chat on *Talk City* at Houston GLBT forum. And it's not been, quote, "as well-attended" as the Roundtable.

The Roundtable, the average is about 20 people, which is great for brainstorming-- perfect size. But the chat I wish was better attended. Because we've got the chat down, [INAUDIBLE] the chat--

**SPEAKER 1:** Well, that's something-- the problem with the situation with chat is people gotta know you're there. And if you can't get the word out that you're there, nobody's going to show up.

**JANINE** Right. We need to figure that one out.

**BRUNJES:**

**SPEAKER 1:** So that's very important that people know you're there.

**JIMMY CARPER:** That's why I brought it up, so people would know.

**JANINE** OK, so 9:30 to 10:30 the second Wednesday of the month, following the Roundtable on the second Monday.

**BRUNJES:**

**JIMMY CARPER:** And email? You got an email you want given out?

**JANINE** Yeah, just brunjesj-- B-R-U-N-J-E-S-J-- @aol.com. And a lot of people have been going to jbrunjes, and it's some guy up in New Jersey that email-blasted someone that I knew the other day. And I emailed him back, and I said, you know, you talked a little bit unkindly to a friend of mine. And I said, the Brunjes are nice people. And he emailed me back, and he was all over himself, apologizing. So it's brunjesj--

**JIMMY CARPER:** Brunjesj.

**JANINE** Yeah.

**BRUNJES:**

**JEWEL GRAY:** Brunjesj. OK. We'll put him in our annals.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Thank you for being here.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Thanks a lot.

**JANINE** Well, thank you for having me. It's been a pleasure. I love everything you're doing. And keep it up.

**BRUNJES:**

**JEWEL GRAY:** Just get ahold of me at Jimmy on hand at any time you want to come down.

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

**JEWEL GRAY:** If you got an issue or idea or something you want to talk about.

**JANINE** I'll do it. Thank you very much.

**BRUNJES:**

**JEWEL GRAY:** Use us.

**JANINE** Thank you.

**BRUNJES:**

**JIMMY CARPER:** Thank you.

**JANINE** Thank you very much.

**BRUNJES:**

**JIMMY CARPER:** And now another piece of music from one of the artists that's going to be at the Houston Pride Festival next Sunday, right after the parade. This is Marcus Hutcheson with his song "Right Where I Am." And you're listening to it on *After Hours*, queer radio with attitude, on KPFT Houston and KEOS College Station.

Ah, yes, Mark Weigle, an artist that you've heard many times right here on *After Hours*. And my good friend, JD Doyle, was able to get that little promo thing from him locally.

**JEWEL GRAY:** What would we do without JD?

**JIMMY CARPER:** I know. It's so cool he gave me this CD. It's got three promos for *After Hours* that he got different artists to do-- Mark Weigle, Sonja, and Dave Hall, Dave Hall who opened up the show.

**JEWEL GRAY:** You know, there are people that work at this radio station who do it purely volunteer--

**JIMMY CARPER:** Yeah, that's so cool.

**JEWEL GRAY:** --and deserve to be paid for stuff.

**JIMMY CARPER:** He didn't have to do that. He didn't have to do that for this show.

**JEWEL GRAY:** And they work hard.

**JIMMY CARPER:** But he did. It was so cool, so cool. But he's doing interviews now for This Way Out.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Oh, cool.

**JIMMY CARPER:** So he's getting to talk to these folks. Actually, he knows Mark Weigle and Dave Hall from some of the award ceremonies, Glam Award ceremonies in New York. He met them personally and has a good relationship going there. And of course, Queer Music Heritage part of Lesbian and Gay Voices. And the Queer Music Heritage is heard every fourth Monday. So that's going to be the Monday after the parade this month-- Monday after the parade.

**JEWEL GRAY:** The Monday after the parade. Boy, that's gonna be a great day, isn't it?

**JIMMY CARPER:** Yes.

**JEWEL GRAY:** I can hardly wait. I'm crossing my legs right now.

**JIMMY CARPER:** [LAUGHS] We're back with Jewel and Jim and Melanie. Hey.

**SPEAKER 2:** Hey.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Hey.

**SPEAKER 3:** OK, guess what? Yeah, my mic's on. Great.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Yeah, you're on. You're on.

**SPEAKER 3:** The mosquitoes are terrible.

**JEWEL GRAY:** I'm telling you, it's awful. You can't even go out the door.

**SPEAKER 3:** Oh, my god. I can't smoke.

**JEWEL GRAY:** I'm standing out there, been dancing.

**SPEAKER 3:** Oh, I'm from Indiana. That's our state bird is the mosquito.

[LAUGHTER]

State bird. Around here, we tell people two or three of them'll carry a small child off.

**JIMMY CARPER:** We can talk for a while with Melanie. But I expect a call coming in at 1:30. And so if that happens, we'll just kind of--

**JEWEL GRAY:** Well, I have to apologize to Melanie. I invited her to come down, and I didn't know it was going to take so long with Janine. It was just an excellent--

**JIMMY CARPER:** Oh, I'm telling you when Janine was first announced as the liaison, I said, who? And I'm getting all huffy about, well, you know, who's this and blah, blah, blah, just like that last one and [MUMBLES]. And then I was reading her background. And she--

**JEWEL GRAY:** Phenomenal, isn't it? I'm so proud.

**JIMMY CARPER:** --did fundraising for one of two of my favorite lesbian organizations, AssistHers. I think that is the most marvelous organization here in town where lesbians get together to help other lesbians. And it's not-- you don't have to--

**JEWEL GRAY:** Just sign up.

**JIMMY CARPER:** --special talents.

**JEWEL GRAY:** What do I need?

**JIMMY CARPER:** We're talking about lesbians who may be wheelchair bound or things like that. And women come over to mow the grass--

**JEWEL GRAY:** Cool. I can do that.

**JIMMY CARPER:** --or to do things that this woman can't do.

**SPEAKER 1:** With the siding lawnmower.

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

**JIMMY CARPER:** Yeah. Sign Jewel up.

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

**JIMMY CARPER:** She can mow lawns.

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

**SPEAKER 1:** Don't you have a tractor, Jewel?

**JEWEL GRAY:** Yeah, sure do. You get me here, I'll mow your lawn. Yeah, that's right.

**JIMMY CARPER:** And I have been so impressed with everything she's done since she's been there.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Me, too. Me, too.

**JIMMY CARPER:** There hasn't been a thing that she's done that I would say, oh, she shouldn't have done that. No, it's been marvelous. It's been wonderful.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Melanie, you're with-- you're head honcho at some organization. I sorry I don't know which one it is.

**SPEAKER 3:** It's the Texas Association for Transsexual Support.

**SPEAKER 1:** TATS.

**JEWEL GRAY:** TATS. See, I knew it was TATS. I just didn't know what TATS was.

**SPEAKER 1:** [LAUGHS]

**JIMMY CARPER:** Well, there's TATS, and there's CATS--

**JEWEL GRAY:** You know, I know what it stands for. I just don't know what the words--

**JIMMY CARPER:** --GCTC, and there's so many-- there's a lot of transgendered organizations.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Yeah, we're fortunate, I think, in this country is that we do have quite a community so that we are getting more exposure is what we were talking about earlier. I think it's an environmental thing. We just need more exposure.

**SPEAKER 3:** Yeah, I think it's in the water.

**JEWEL GRAY:** I think that's all it is about for me is that I just need to be around people like that more often-- not like that, like that, you know what I mean? I just need to experience-- what is it-- broaden my horizons a little bit more and get close to people. It's just I don't have-- it's not very convenient right now. So I'm more ignorant than I'm not, and it embarrasses me.

**SPEAKER 3:** Yeah. I can--

**JEWEL GRAY:** But I've probably apologized to you and Kristen a dozen times, I think.

**SPEAKER 3:** Oh, yeah, I don't know.

**JEWEL GRAY:** I'm sorry, but this is-- what about this? What are you, founder, of TATS, president?

**SPEAKER 3:** No, I'm president right now.

**JEWEL GRAY:** President, cool. And what do you think-- what does TATS think of our liaison to the mayor's office.

**SPEAKER 3:** I think she's--

**JEWEL GRAY:** Do you guys--

**SPEAKER 3:** I think she's doing a good job. I was at the caucus the first-- right around the time she took over and met her then. And I've been going to the Roundtables and stuff. And it's pretty good. I think she's doing a good job.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Well, she's saying that she's noticed a lot of transgender people. There's a new phrase coming out. How do you feel about it-- trans people trans person? Is that cool?

**SPEAKER 3:** Yeah, well, I mean, they have these different terms. And everybody can-- it's hard to get people to agree on the terms. Because like, what does a transvestite mean? What's a cross-dresser mean?

**JEWEL GRAY:** See, I haven't used it all--

**SPEAKER 3:** What's a transsexual?

**JEWEL GRAY:** --so if it's trans person, I have the idea.

**SPEAKER 3:** Because they have-- when you talk about transgender as an umbrella term, including everything from--

**JEWEL GRAY:** Both ways, yeah.

**SPEAKER 3:** Or even some really butch lesbians could almost be considered--

**JEWEL GRAY:** Right, [INAUDIBLE].

**SPEAKER 1:** [LAUGHS]

**JEWEL GRAY:** I think she beat me up one night.

**SPEAKER 3:** Oh, yeah. But the thing about it is it's like transgender is people defying the stereotypical gender norms and all this kind of stuff. But I think the idea of saying a trans woman or trans man or something like that, I kind of like those terms. The clinical term's transsexual. And it's like with the CATS group, when they were forming--

**JEWEL GRAY:** That takes it right back to sex. It's all about sex.

**SPEAKER 3:** Yeah, it sounds like-- it sounds like transsexual/homosexual and all that.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Right, it's all about sex. It's not.

**SPEAKER 3:** And it makes it think-- but it's not about sex. If it was, I'd be getting some.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Right.

[LAUGHTER]

And you went to the Bi-Net. Pick me.

**SPEAKER 3:** Oh, yeah. Oh, yeah, OK.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Well, I was wondering because she mentioned that she'd noticed an increase in trans people coming to the meetings and being more activist lately.

**SPEAKER 3:** Yeah. They're kind of getting their stuff together.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Crawling out of the woodwork. It's suddenly worth sharing with great voices.

**SPEAKER 3:** I'm not a real political person. I'm trying to-- it's like, well, thank Katrina Rose for kind of giving a kick in the rear and stuff and actually getting me to understand a little bit of the stuff. Because I really, for the longest time before I transitioned, I was real apathetic with everything. Because my life wasn't the way I wanted it. And I knew it. And I just tuned everything out.

And now, as I'm being able to run around and be recognized as the real person that I am, I'm starting to get into more things that actually matter and stuff. I'm putting away a lot of the stuff I used to do just because I thought that was what was expected of me and all the other stuff like that.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Yeah, that's always a terrible thing, doing things because you thought that's what other people expected of you. Then you find out they didn't care at all. They're not paying any attention to you. That's what was a big shock to me one day. They're not really paying attention to me. What difference does it make?

**JIMMY CARPER:** What life do you wanna live?

**SPEAKER 3:** Well, you know, it's all about you, Jewel.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Yeah, that's right. It really stunned me one day.

**SPEAKER 1:** [LAUGHS]

**JEWEL GRAY:** Nobody's really paying attention.

**SPEAKER 3:** Yeah, but that's the thing is there's a lot of stuff going on in the public arenas and everything like that. I'm not a real political person. Right now, I'm running a support group. Actually, we're meeting over at the community center right now. The community center has been really nice to us, and they're really inclusive.

And a lot of our issues, we deal with a lot of social issues and things like that. Myself, it's like you had asked me to come down and talk about transsexual lesbians. I haven't really had a chance to go into too much.

**JEWEL GRAY:** The fact for me, it's almost too deep for me. Because I haven't really grasped the whole transsexual thing. And I tell you this every time I see you is if I, in some way, disturb you by my innocence, my ignorance--

**SPEAKER 3:** I'll just strangle you.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Teach me. Don't be angry at me. Teach me. And I've said that many times. And people, they just get angry, and they don't want to talk to me anymore. It's like you've lost the perfect opportunity to teach me.

**SPEAKER 3:** Yeah. You know, I understand. As long as somebody isn't coming up and just being hostile with me or something like-- if somebody says, Melanie, I just, I don't get it. I don't understand this and all this other stuff. I've been talking to people. I talk to people on the internet and different stuff like that.

I get all kinds of idiots writing me, and they're-- oh, what was it? I was talking to my mom. And my mom doesn't really get it. And I was telling her, I was like, man, Mom, you know how when I was trying to do the guy thing, I had so much trouble getting dates? Because I just didn't know what and everything.

I said, now, I'm starting to get some interest and stuff after I transitioned and all that, and it's pretty cool. And she's like, well, a lot of women really like the company of gay men. And I'm like, Mom!

**SPEAKER 2:** [LAUGHS] She's really not getting it, is she?

**SPEAKER 3:** I'm like, Mom, these are lesbians. And it was like, you know.

**SPEAKER 2:** She's really not getting it.

**SPEAKER 3:** Yeah, she just doesn't-- she don't get it.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Well, I want to get it. I truly do. But I have resigned myself that if I never do-- and not that I won't, but if I never do-- it doesn't change a thing, as far as supporting you and being there when you need it. It doesn't change a thing.

And I've tried-- I've talked to other lesbians who feel somewhat similar to me. And that's why this is a big thing with me. And I have been talking lately that I thought it was an environmental thing. It's just that we don't get the exposure, so we don't become comfortable. You move into a house. If you only go six times, you still trip over the carpet.

But that's what I do. I spend all my time tripping over my tongue with Melanie and apologizing. But you just gotta be comfortable and get-- you have to spend time.

**SPEAKER 3:** Yeah, and one of the things, my friend Beth, who comes down here quite a bit for the transgender show and stuff, she was explaining to somebody-- and I thought this is the best in a nutshell way. Because people go, well-- a lot of times, they ask me, well, you're transsexual, right? Well, how could you be a lesbian?

How could you be a lesbian if you're-- it's like, why didn't you be-- and she had this really great explanation is that sexual orientation is about who you want to go to bed with. Gender identity is about who do you want to go to bed as?

**SPEAKER 1:** Oh.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Oh.

**SPEAKER 2:** Oh, yeah.

**SPEAKER 3:** So I thought, oh, that is great. So Beth, if you're listening, right on. That was really cool. Because I use that a lot to explain. Because that, in a nutshell, a lot of times, people get it. And the thing is, it's like, yeah, my identity is Melanie, a female. And I like women.

And I've found that I get in there and everything and interacting with people and stuff, and I find that, yeah, I'm a lesbian. I certainly feel like I'm really at home. It's like almost live a Nancy Ford show.

**SPEAKER 1:** See, I told you she was there.

**SPEAKER 3:** Oh, yeah, Rainbo-- Rainbo's always coming in there, interrupting me when I'm trying to listen to music and stuff like that.

**SPEAKER 2:** As we sit across-- sometimes we sit across the table from each other.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Yeah, I bumped into her over there one night.

**SPEAKER 3:** Yeah, you were in there, hanging out over in Chances and stuff, getting plastered.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Getting liquored up.

**SPEAKER 3:** Yeah, you were pretty sauced up.

**JEWEL GRAY:** I had about six screwdrivers when I saw you there.

**JIMMY CARPER:** How would you describe the Vulvamatics? Because they--

**SPEAKER 3:** They're awesome. If anybody's listening from the Vulvamatics, you chicks rock. I love it.

**JIMMY CARPER:** See? See, Jimmy?

**JEWEL GRAY:** Well, Melanie, I want to tell you that I'm sorry that we're so short tonight. And I do want you to come back and talk with us.

**SPEAKER 3:** Well, you'll get taller.

[LAUGHTER]

**JEWEL GRAY:** Yeah, really. No, I've stopped growing, really. That we'll make another arrangement where we'll give you the bulk of the time. It was just that this evening, I really felt that this was important to be able to talk to Janine.

**SPEAKER 3:** Oh, yeah, yeah.

**JEWEL GRAY:** I know you understand. So you--

**SPEAKER 2:** (FAKE CRYING) I'll be OK.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Is the producer awake?

**SPEAKER 3:** Oh, Jimmy, he's taking a booty call or something in there. I don't know what he's doing.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Is it a booty call in there? [LAUGHS]

**SPEAKER 1:** No, he's probably-- Buddy may be on the line.

**SPEAKER 2:** Hi, Jimmy.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Oh, is Buddy on the line? We're searching for the producer.

**JIMMY CARPER:** I resemble that remark.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Yes, you do.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Why? What's up?

**JEWEL GRAY:** He's not even listening.

**JIMMY CARPER:** No.

**SPEAKER 2:** It's the Outer Show versus the Inner Show.

**JEWEL GRAY:** I was just saying, do we have Buddy? Are we waiting for Buddy? So we can just--

**JIMMY CARPER:** Just keep going. When he calls, we'll--

**SPEAKER 3:** All right.

**JEWEL GRAY:** You got something coming up at TATS or something you want to highlight in the community?

**SPEAKER 3:** Well, this month, we're not meeting because we had a couple of things--

**JEWEL GRAY:** Did you get any-- oh, you don't have-- did the water in the community center slow you down?

**SPEAKER 3:** Well, actually, no. We had a couple other things. There's a gender clinic down in Galveston that has biannual meetings down there. And that was coinciding with our first meeting this month. So we'd canceled the meeting so that everybody would be free to go down to that. And that was canceled because of the flood.

**SPEAKER 2:** Did the community center get water?

**JEWEL GRAY:** Yeah, it got--

**SPEAKER 3:** Oh, yeah. Yeah, I wasn't able to go. I've been without a vehicle.

**JEWEL GRAY:** They lost electricity.

**SPEAKER 1:** The cellar got flooded.

**SPEAKER 3:** Yeah, it was shut down over the weekend. And they got it back up.

**JEWEL GRAY:** You're not even handing it, are you? Slap, slap, slap, slap.

**SPEAKER 1:** And I didn't know anyplace had--

**JEWEL GRAY:** I'm not keeping abreast

**SPEAKER 1:** --I didn't know Houston had cellars.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Some places do.

**SPEAKER 1:** This station has one.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Yeah, it sure does.

**JIMMY CARPER:** They're bomb shelters.

**SPEAKER 3:** That's where they keep the old DJs.

**JIMMY CARPER:** It's a bomb shelter down there.

[LAUGHTER]

**SPEAKER 2:** When program directors pass, down there.

**SPEAKER 3:** Past program director.

**SPEAKER 1:** It's in the cellar.

**SPEAKER 3:** Yeah. But actually, our other meeting would be 7 PM this coming Saturday, which I don't know, something else is going on. But maybe it's the Pride parade.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Maybe it's the parade.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Oh, it is the Pride parade at 8:45.

**JEWEL GRAY:** You might as well cancel it because nobody's gonna be there.

**SPEAKER 3:** Yeah, got that. One of our TATS members is actually building the float.

**JEWEL GRAY:** They're all going to be in the parade, yeah.

**SPEAKER 3:** Yeah, we're going to be in there. Yeah, I did our float last year.

**SPEAKER 2:** Just move your meeting to your float area at 8:45.

**SPEAKER 3:** Actually, yeah, we've got a--

**JIMMY CARPER:** We'll float away.

**SPEAKER 3:** We've got a couple of administration issues, stuff we've got to take care of with the board. So I'm hoping to have enough--

**JEWEL GRAY:** They'll slap you around, [INAUDIBLE].

**SPEAKER 3:** Yeah, if I get enough board members there, we're just going to have a meeting in front of the float where we take off and get a couple of--

**JEWEL GRAY:** Well, that's a good place to get your whole board, at the parade. Everybody'll be there.

**SPEAKER 3:** Yeah, well, it should have everybody there.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Take roll call. Have a quorum.

**SPEAKER 3:** Yeah, we have a quorum.

**JEWEL GRAY:** Yeah, that's it. We'll have a quorum for all meetings in town.

**SPEAKER 1:** [LAUGHS]