

PRESENTER 1: --loving them all, you love them all differently though. And your relationship with all of them is different. The way you communicate with all of them is different. The same thing applies to loving relationship.

JIMMY: That's a very good analogy, yes.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

PRESENTER 1: Are any of you all familiar with Robert Arthur? Bob Arthur? He used to be an MCCR minister, he's retired.

JIMMY: No.

PRESENTER 1: He's written several books. One of his is-- it's a self published book called *The Sex Text*. And he talks more about the religious interpretations of scriptures and stuff, and he ends it with a lot about poly.

PRESENTER 2: MCC's philosophy is to not even minister or preach about relationships. If you get married, that was one of the nice things. I mean, they have no-- not only that it is primarily a gay church to begin with or the gay community, but they don't judge your relationship.

If I had walked in with two partners and said to Ralph, say, I have these two partners and we all want to get married in the church, OK, fine, have at it. They're not going to judge our relationship--

PRESENTER 1: Well, the--

JIMMY: Oh, good.

PRESENTER 2: --based on how many people.

PRESENTER 1: --the Unitarians are also that way, the universe-- and there's actually a wonderful poly discussion list that-- it's called UUPoly, and you get it from the Universal Unitarian website.

PRESENTER 2: The UU unit stuff?

PRESENTER 1: Yeah. Really good discussion of various aspects of poly. One of the magazines, I brought it with me because I think this is the best magazine, it's strictly dedicated to poly relationships, it's called *Loving More*. And if you go to lovingmore.com, they put out a magazine, is it every month or every two months?

PRESENTER 3: Its quarterly.

PRESENTER 1: Quarterly. And really good articles. Everything from how to handle kids, how to get to Polly Hill, what to do to really screw up.

JIMMY: Haven't we all been in Polly Hill?

PRESENTER 1: Oh baby, oh baby.

[LAUGHTER]

PRESENTER 2: Yes. At one point in time, oh yeah.

JIMMY: Yeah. Oh yeah.

PRESENTER 1: But there's a lot out there, there really is. It's just looking for it. One of the reasons we got involved with the SIG is when we had the group over here at the Lesbian and Gay Community Center, the majority of the people that were coming, we were all sitting there one day at one of our little munchies over here at Schlotzsky's, and we just kind of happened to mention that we were into the BDSM thing. Next thing you know, of the 10 people at the table, 9 of us were into it, but nobody told anybody.

[LAUGHTER]

PRESENTER 2: No. But do you think there's a difference between poly with the BDSM and poly without the BDSM? Like with the DS and stuff? I think there's a difference.

PRESENTER 1: Oh, definitely.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

JIMMY: There's a difference.

PRESENTER 2: And I've been in both over the years.

PRESENTER 1: Well it's like I said, I'm poly before I'm dominant, and I know people who are the opposite. They're dominant before they're poly. And there's a time when the real struggle in a conflict, and that's one of the reasons why we started this and took over from the previous people. The poly thing is because people wrestle with that.

CHRIS: But I think there's a great deal of crossover in the communities, because I think that you find that people in poly relationship explores, they're willing to break paradigms, and I think that's the thing with people in BDSM.

And when you have someone who is willing to say, well, yes, that's the way it's always been, but why does it have to be that way? Then they will at one time or another in their life often flirt with any number of relationship structures that get outside that paradigm box. And they may or may not stay within those structures. They may say, well, this is perfectly OK, the paradigm is wrong, but this isn't for me.

And so you find people that are in BDSM and not poly. But maybe they tried it once and said no, that's not for me and vice versa. But I think there's a reason for that crossover, and that's because it takes a certain amount of courage or just a difference of nature to break those societal paradigms of any kind.

PRESENTER 1: I think it's a desire to just push your own personal boundaries and self evolution, I see--

PRESENTER 2: Well, I think [? everyone-- ?] Now you guys though, like you and Jerry are-- I mean this is very basic way of putting it, you and Jerry are equal.

CHRIS: Right.

PRESENTER 2: OK. Is there any time like in your relationship where you put down the DS between you and Danny, and you and Danny are equal?

CHRIS: There's times in my mind, and that's one of the things you were talking about, a conflict there. There's times where that does happen with me. And the reason is, is because I personally believe that someone can be in love with more than one person.

JIMMY: Oh yeah.

PRESENTER 2: Yeah.

JIMMY: Oh I agree with that.

CHRIS: I am in love with Danny, I'm also in love with my partner of 11 years. And I find because of that, a lot of times I forget about the daddy/boy thing with he and I interacting. And sometimes it goes into that where I feel like in my mind that we are equal even though I know we're not in a way.

DANNY: I think the DS stuff is really hard to hang on to 24/7.

CHRIS: Right. And that's the problem we're having.

DANNY: Yeah, it is. It is.

CHRIS: It's very hard.

PRESENTER 1: And I want--

DANNY: Because there are times when it's a very fine line sometimes between being the boy and being the lover. And sometimes you're not in the proper role when you should be.

PRESENTER 1: I understand. There's one of the things that a common paradigm that you see within the fem-dom community is a lot of the mistresses will have a lover, and then they'll have a slave. And sometimes the slave is their husband that they're legally married to, and they may have a lover they're a boy toy or whatever scenario you want to call it.

And sometimes there's a big cuckolding fetish within that community, and that's what they agree to, and that's what they want. But I personally haven't found to a whole lot of those where everybody's happy. I know of a few people that do it well, and that's what they want. The person who is the celibate person in the triad, that's all they want. They want to be kept in chastity. I mean, there are a lot of people out there who have chastity fetishes, and that's their thing. And yet it's very much a loving relationship all the way around.

PRESENTER 3: And going in a different direction, you mentioned being in love with more than one person because I know that's something I see people make a mistake in, and sometimes you can say almost everybody makes it once, and Catherine Liszt talks about this in her book, *Ethical Slut*, is it happening to her as people that go into picking up that first third or that first outside relationship, and saying, well, you can love other people, but you can only be in love with me. And the problem with that is that you can't necessarily pick who you're going to fall in love with.

PRESENTER 2: Exactly.

PRESENTER 3: And so what happened in her case-- and this is very common-- is that everything went along fine in both her and her primary partner had these other lovers. And everything went along fine until one day one of them just-- I'm in love with this third, and it just it wasn't something they planned. And they go, oops, we got to talk about this. We got to renegotiate.

And I think that it makes a lot more sense to go into it realizing that that's not necessarily something you can control. If you're playing poly, that's a rule that you can make. But if you make it, realize that it's going to cause some heartache later.

CHRIS: Well, I've always been of the mind frame that nothing is carved in stone, particularly with my lover Jerry and with Danny. When we first started out when Danny came here, he was very much attracted to my partner. And they were very close, but as time went on Denny wound up falling in love with me.

And he loves Jerry, and I don't doubt that he's not in love with Jerry. But as you said, sometimes things change, you can't predict. You might say that this is the way it's going to be and I'm not going to allow it, but your heart sometimes takes over and--

PRESENTER 1: I think the critical point though is when that does happen, you have to sit there and say, do we throw the baby out with the bathwater, and does that mean the whole relationship has to end or is there anything that we can redeem? It may mean you have to stop and-- it makes me, you switch from having a DS relationship with someone and they become just a lover, or they just become a close family friend.

I have several girlfriends that have come and go in my life. There are some that used to be intimate lovers that are now friends, good close friends. I have some that we're good close friends for a long time that are now intimate lovers. As people have come and gone into their life, our relationship has switched on and off. And it's like you got to have a little restart switch on your relationship with that person.

PRESENTER 2: You got to have the flexibility and you got to have the honesty to know that that's going to happen.

CHRIS: Well, and we've had to fine tune ours because I think in the beginning according to what my partner told me, he saw Danny more of a lover, whereas I saw Danny more of a boy. And that's some things that we needed to fine tune. And like I said, that's changed and now with Steven coming into our relationship, we're having to fine tune things a little bit more.

PRESENTER 1: Well, Jimmy, I think that in Jimmy's relationship-- I mean, I'm going to ask you a question here, and that's, over the 24 years, you've had hot moments and then you've had time off where you-- and sometimes you have to say, hey, I need a break. I need to take six months, call me in the morning.

JIMMY: Yeah, we have an additionally unusual relationship in that we do not live together.

PRESENTER 2: I think that makes it difficult sometimes.

DANNY: Sometimes it makes it easier though.

JIMMY: We are very independent people, and we like our time alone. But there was one point in our relationship early on when he said, you want to move in and I said no, and he breathed a sigh of relief.

[LAUGHTER]

And it's just worked out very well. Plus--

PRESENTER 1: Now does he know something we don't know?

JIMMY: Plus he lives-- he lives-- half of his time he lives in Seattle. So the time we spend together is really good time. We're not fighting over who does the dishes--

PRESENTER 2: It's quality time.

JIMMY: --or any of that. That's right. That's right. It's all quality time.

PRESENTER 1: Well, you know--

PRESENTER 2: And as long as the quality is good.

JIMMY: And it's-- yeah, that's right.

PRESENTER 1: --you don't want to--

JIMMY: He is solid vanilla, always will be. And my--

PRESENTER 1: What's vanilla?

[LAUGHTER]

DANNY: Yeah, what's normal.

JIMMY: --and my boyfriend is not. He is far from vanilla.

PRESENTER 1: That's good.

JIMMY: Yes

PRESENTER 1: That's good. Variety is the spice of life.

CHRIS: Well, see, with our relationship, Danny and I are very much into the BDSM. Jerry and Steven have an interest there, it has not really developed yet. They basically see themselves as vanilla at this point, but that is coming. And I've been pushing that a little bit, but--

JIMMY: Yeah, yeah.

CHRIS: --and it's-- yeah, it's everybody's own personal choice.

JIMMY: But it sounds like they're at the same level.

CHRIS: Right. Right, so.

JIMMY: Hey. That's it, that's what I love about being queer is that we create our own relationships.

PRESENTER 2: But I think everyone should do that.

JIMMY: Oh I do too.

PRESENTER 2: I mean that-- I'm all for--

PRESENTER 3: I don't think you've got a monopoly on that.

[LAUGHTER]

PRESENTER 2: I'm all for legalized gay marriages but at the same time I don't think if it was legalized at all, fags should run out the door and go legalize their marriage, because--

JIMMY: Well, that's the thing, yeah.

PRESENTER 1: Oh, man, yes it is.

PRESENTER 2: --you don't want to end up with all these things in divorce court because people are out there playing with their relationships.

JIMMY: Now and you know--

PRESENTER 1: The poly would like to be able to legally marry more than one person--

JIMMY: That's right.

PRESENTER 1: --and you can't do that either.

DANNY: See now having moved down here from Vermont, I was up living up there while the Civil Union debate raged on and on and on, and I have found that I've been talking to quite a few of my friends that went out and got civil unions. And now quite a few of them are now going out through the divorce process because all these people all of a sudden just, oh we can legally marry and just rushed right into it. And now they're finding out all the new headaches to deal with.

JIMMY: That's right.

PRESENTER 1: I'm going to really go out on a limb here, but I have a thing about marriage. Been there, done that, got the t-shirt twice. But--

PRESENTER 2: Married for four years to a woman.

PRESENTER 1: But here's the thing is, is what you-- you had recently posted on one of the groups that we're on. I didn't get a chance to respond.

PRESENTER 2: I posted to you, if your marriage wasn't necessarily legal, would you still go out and get married? And why? Why would you get married?

PRESENTER 1: I never got a chance to respond to that. And I was going to say no.

PRESENTER 2: And Nate and I debated on it for a long time, why would we get married?

PRESENTER 1: Because it's a legal sanction. All it is-- I don't need the government to tell me who I can love, how I can love them, and yes, I can have a tax deduction.

DANNY: Or how many people I can love.

JIMMY: Yeah.

PRESENTER 1: Right. And until people can be married to the people of their choice and as many people of their choice, and it's all held as something that's-- I hold it a value, that's all that matters. It's a value to me, whether it's a value to Uncle Sam, whether it's a value to anybody else, I don't really give a--

PRESENTER 3: Well, and I think it should be all about emotional connection not some kind of financial arrangement.

CHRIS: Yeah, I agree. I agree on that.

PRESENTER 2: Well, there's no-- like between Nate and I as opposed to other partners I've had in the past, there isn't the financial obligation. There isn't-- the legal thing would be there, whether we got married or not. It just makes it a little bit better to have, but that's a secondary thing. But the marriage isn't for that either, the marriage is for us.

PRESENTER 1: I don't want to sound like I'm anti-marriage--

PRESENTER 2: And we started out as a poly.

JIMMY: Yes.

PRESENTER 2: And that didn't work.

PRESENTER 1: It's not that I'm anti-marriage but I'm anti rules and regulations and restrictions. I find marriage confining. I find the whole notion of I pledge thee my troth or whatever you want to say, I find that to be confining.

DANNY: Oh it is.

PRESENTER 2: It is.

DANNY: Yeah.

PRESENTER 1: And I think love is all about free expression. And so when you immediately--

PRESENTER 2: And I can think it's only confining when if you put it on your relationship.

JIMMY: But I've never thought that man in general is all that much of a monogamous creature.

PRESENTER 1: I don't--

JIMMY: I mean given the divorce statistics and with those that can marry--

PRESENTER 1: There's a wonderful book called, *The Myth Of Monogamy*, and if you pull my book list out of that piece of paper there, I'll tell you who wrote it. But it's called *The Myth Of Monogamy*, and it's all about various things, animals. Where is at here? It's--

PRESENTER 2: Well, man is the least monogamous of creatures on the planet.

PRESENTER 1: --*The Myth Of Monogamy, Fidelity, and Infidelity*--

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

PRESENTER 2: I believe that.

PRESENTER 1: But it talks about how humans aren't monogamous by nature, and--

DANNY: And that's what I've always felt that-- every relationship that I've ever seen or participated in at some point in time, it ends up opening up and they bring other people into it.

PRESENTER 1: Well, and if you look at what monogamy is, it means we may have one partner for our lives, not for the life of your relationship. That would mean you have sex with one person, and once that person is gone, you don't have sex ever again. That's true monogamy. Monogamy means one partner--

JIMMY: Well, when the lifespan of a human was 30 years, maybe that was a good idea.

[LAUGHTER]

PRESENTER 1: But I want to know about what was it, Methuselah was it?

[LAUGHTER]

DANNY: But that's one of the things that I like about our family is that each of us brings something different into it.

JIMMY: Yes.

PRESENTER 2: Yes.

DANNY: And that I have three different people I can go and talk to that can help me out in different areas.

JIMMY: Yup. Exactly right.

CHRIS: That's a very good point. And it's why most people-- we're honestly and openly non-monogamous. Most people I'd say, 75% of all people are non-monogamous, it's just that they claim monogamy by being serially monogamous with different people.

JIMMY: Yeah, I've seen those boys at the arcades.

CHRIS: Well, I mean they may be monogamous for each partner, but then they end up switching partners and dumping one. And what happens is you mentioned going to three different people for different needs. And it's like we spoke of earlier, no, one person-- and it's not fair to ask one person to meet all your needs.

Let's say you've got 10 basic needs you take for full fulfillment, and most people will meet someone, and Oh he meets six or seven. It's like the movie title, *This Is As Good As It Gets*. And so they will marry that person, and those three needs that aren't being met at first don't matter. But every year that goes by, they get bigger and bigger, and they're kind of like the gorilla in the corner of the room that nobody talks about.

PRESENTER 2: I can personally attest to that.

JIMMY: Absolutely. Yes.

CHRIS: The finally they meet someone that meets those three needs, maybe none of the others, and they drop this partner, marrying them. And now they've got a person that only meets three of their needs, and seven years later, it happens again rather than saying, OK, I love you, you meet all these needs, and I want you to be happy. I don't want the responsibility of meeting all your needs, just the ones I happen to meet. And each of us can get these other needs met, honestly with other people.

DANNY: And I think with the four of us, it's now well-balanced out now that each of us has certain people that we can go to for different things. And it's like even just sitting at home watching TV, you can just hop from lap to lap and just snuggle with whoever and talk, and just--

JIMMY: Oh, that sounds so good.

PRESENTER 1: A lot of people think that--

CHRIS: It is.

PRESENTER 1: A lot of people think that poly-- the biggest problem they have is they think it's a zero-sum game. It's like we've got one piece of pie and if I give you too big of a piece, I'm not going to have a big enough piece for somebody else. And it's like, no, I'll just bake more pies.

JIMMY: That's right, yes.

PRESENTER 1: But I think that you lose so much when you limit your possibilities. And who wrote the book *A Love Without Limits*? Isn't it Deborah? Deborah Anapol.

PRESENTER 3: Deborah Anapol.

PRESENTER 1: And I don't think we should limit who we love, and how we love them. And I mean, I'm openly bisexual, and I like to say anything that moves, but I actually have standards and not many but--

DANNY: We all do. Yeah. That's--

PRESENTER 2: Well, I think the bottom line is--

DANNY: I think that's a misconception. Isn't that the misconception that people have is that when you're in a poly relationship that it's all about sex.

PRESENTER 2: Well looks like people think that for the gay-- the gay community that it's all about sex.

DANNY: Well, a lot of it is.

PRESENTER 2: Well, yeah. 5:00 in the sink and you're cooking, I mean.

PRESENTER 1: That's the ethical and the slut.

DANNY: Rub-a-dub-dub, three bears in a tub.

PRESENTER 2: But I think the bottom line on the relationship is is you need to do what's good for you. And if it's you and a partner, then it's you and your partner or partners need to do what's good for you as a unit. Whether that's seeing separate people or together or separate. And if it's not hurting anybody, who cares?

DANNY: And I think the key thing once again is communication, everyone has to be able to be open and completely honest about what they want, what needs they need to have met, what their wants are and stuff. And to be able to talk to each other about that no matter how far off or whatever it sounds.

PRESENTER 2: I do agree with Eden though, you have to be completely honest with yourself first, and that includes even being honest to admit things that you might not want to admit. And I know even for my relationships in the last couple of years, honesty means telling people things even though they don't want to hear them--

DANNY: Or hearing things you don't want to hear.

PRESENTER 2: And even if it's painful.

DANNY: And even if it's going to piss you off--

CHRIS: One of the things that I've been learning.

DANNY: --you still need to get that out in the open. And you can get past that, it's not a big deal. As long as you love each other, who cares? I mean, you're going to get pissed off for a second or two, and then you stop and say, well, wait a minute maybe there's a valid point to this. Maybe they're saying this for a reason. It's this person's perspective, this is what they see for me. It might not be what I see me doing, but this is what they see me doing.

PRESENTER 1: I think the hardest thing above everything else in being poly is having that introspection, and the ability to say I'm not as good as I think I am.

[CHUCKLES]

DANNY: There you go.

PRESENTER 1: And I mean, I'll be the first to admit, I can be the biggest elitist, and I have an ego like you won't believe. But there's some times when it's like you deal with things and you're like, I wish I was a better person, and I wish I could not let this bother me, but it does.

DANNY: Then you have someone like me that perpetually will think that that's very hard-- I'm very hard on myself, I'm my own worst critic. And there are a lot of times that I have to learn, OK, I'm better than I think I am. I can do this if I just allow myself to.

CHRIS: Well, and one thing I want to add too is to people that are considering this or that are in these kind of relationships is to not let a lot of outside people influence.

PRESENTER 1: Oh baby, you got that right.

CHRIS: Because I know with my partner and I, they came up to us, well, what's wrong? Do you not love Jerry anymore? Y'all having problems that you're having to bring a third in? And I said first of all, I don't owe you an explanation. Secondly, this is what we choose to do.

DANNY: That's right.

CHRIS: This is what makes us happy, and who are you to judge?

PRESENTER 1: Well, and it's just like BDSM, what's right for me is right for me. What's right for you is what's right for you. And even with my partners, what I need and what they need may not always match, but we find some synthesis there. Some we hang on to and we build on what is good. And we work--

I tell people I have several friends in poly relationships, most of my friends, and some of them don't have good foundations. And I want to say, hey, you don't have a good foundation here guys. And I think that foundation is critical to growth is being the friend and getting past, and like you said, having something to talk about other than the sex. And having needs that match and meet, and not everybody has that. And that's so critical.

CHRIS: Well for our family, we have a life outside of the bars and the leather titles and all that other stuff. I mean, there's things we like to do. We enjoy just staying home and spending time together and stuff, a lot of talking, a lot of communication, and that's what it's all about.

PRESENTER 2: I require when I'm in a relationship that my partners have to have a life outside the bar, they have to have a life other than BDSM. Have to. There has to be something other than the sex and other than the play. They better have a hobby. I don't care what it is, they could read comic books for all I care.

JIMMY: Guilty

[LAUGHTER]

PRESENTER 2: Yes, you are. They could--

JIMMY: Sounds like my boyfriend.

PRESENTER 2: And if they have hobbies that we have in common, even better.

PRESENTER 4: Spider-man's coming.

PRESENTER 1: Exactly.

PRESENTER 2: But even though we have hobbies in common, like Nate and I have hobbies in common, but we don't always do them together like the motorcycles. He'll go off on the weekend rides and I'll stay home. I get my time alone too. But partner, you have to have something other than sex.

PRESENTER 1: Yeah, you have to be a me before you can be a we.

PRESENTER 2: And it better be something breakfast.

CHRIS: Well, and like with me with Jerry, my partner of 11 plus years, I mean we are so different, but yet, there's a lot of things that we enjoy doing together. Going to flea markets antiquing, all kinds of different things. But we are totally two different people.

JIMMY: Let me ask you something because you are-- there are four people in your relationship. How do-- or how important is it and how do you get time alone?

CHRIS: Well because of the work schedules and stuff, basically, most of the day I have with Danny. Danny goes to work in the evenings. Jerry is basically 8:00 to 5:00. So he and I have time in the evening. Steven is working a different schedule depending, 9:00 to 6:00, 11:00 to 7:00. So he's usually with us.

And then when it's time to go to bed, Steven and Jerry go to bed, and when Danny gets home, Danny and I have time again. So all through--

JIMMY: But I mean time alone, time alone for each one of you. You know like, do you have that?

CHRIS: We do in different ways. I have it during the day, we all disintegrate.

DANNY: My time alone usually is when I'm at work.

[LAUGHTER]

CHRIS: Yeah.

PRESENTER 1: I've known some families that goes so far to schedule time, schedule sleeping days. They have a set schedule on Monday where they rotate on certain night so that everybody makes sure that they get that. And that works for some people, and other people--

DANNY: I mean even if we're all at home it's like daddy Chris and I share a bedroom. If we're all out watching TV or something, and I want to go in and get out of my computer just to have some time to myself, that's not an issue with anyone.

JIMMY: OK.

CHRIS: Yeah, and Jerry and Steven basically have the early schedule, so they're the early risers, so they're in the other room not disturbing us and stuff. I mean, it was-- and that's something that was very difficult for us to deal with. We weren't sure how we felt about that or what we're going to do because Jerry and I have been together over 11 years.

And that was something that was very difficult for me personally to deal with, OK, after all this time, now I'm moving into another bedroom. But it's sometimes-- sometimes in this type of relationship, it has to, especially with Steven basically being Jerry's boy and Danny being mine.

And things are working themselves out, and it's just because we all love each other. And it's a wonderful relationship, and I feel very blessed to have that.

JIMMY: Yes. Yes--

PRESENTER 1: I have a--

JIMMY: --you are blessed.

PRESENTER 1: --a metaphoric analogy of how I explain poly, and that's, think of it as-- think of yourself as a lighthouse. There's people who live in the lighthouse with you, there's people who live in the shadows and houses off on the side. It just touched a little bit of the light, there's boats that are going to just totally pass through and you're never going to see again.

And I think that that is how we love people and how we connect with people. And it may be just that little tiny beam of light way off in the distance that you connect with them, or maybe they're just a ship passing through. Or they may just live right there in the lighthouse with you. The only problem with my analogy is I'm also moving because I may pass through other people as well, other people's lights as well. And I think that that's--

PRESENTER 2: Like ships in the night.

PRESENTER 1: Yeah. And some of those ships may dock and drop down anchor for a while, and--

JIMMY: Mm-hmm.

PRESENTER 1: Mm-hmm. Oh baby, oh baby.

DANNY: But overall, it's been a very wonderful and enriching experience because I love all three of them.

JIMMY: Is this the first time you've been in this type of relationship?

DANNY: This is my first time that I've been in a poly relationship. I came down a year ago. I moved from Vermont to be with daddy Chris and daddy Jerry.

JIMMY: Oh OK.

DANNY: And I have learned a lot, and I've come a long way personally. My personal growth has really a lot of growth.

CHRIS: He's blossomed.

DANNY: Yeah, I've--

[LAUGHTER]

CHRIS: Well, and one of the things that Danny has also been dealing with as well is that we told him that we weren't going to add anyone to the family. In fact, we even promised him, and I feel bad about that. But also I believe in not limiting yourselves.

DANNY: But see one of the things that I'm learning, and one of the things that I'm enjoying is the fact that it with Steven coming in, there are things that I can help him with. And there are things that he's helping me with.

JIMMY: Wow.

DANNY: So and it's--

PRESENTER 1: Y'all learn from each other.

DANNY: Everybody's learning from everybody.

JIMMY: Yeah.

CHRIS: Well, and Steven is brand new to the leather community. I have basically started an online training program for leather boys, and he was one of my first trainees who passed, and he got a certificate. And I gave him also a Hunter Green Hanky, passed with flying colors. And I pretty much knew--

JIMMY: Hunter Green?

CHRIS: Yes.

DANNY: Hunter Green.

CHRIS: Daddy/boy.

JIMMY: Oh sorry.

CHRIS: And--

PRESENTER 1: We need to play the Beatles, "All You Need Is Love."

CHRIS: --and he did wonderful.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

He did wonderful, and I'm very proud of him.

DANNY: Yeah, I'm very proud of him too.

CHRIS: He's added something else to the relationship, and it's great.

DANNY: I'm very proud of him as well, he's a wonderful--

PRESENTER 2: Are you guys going as a family next week to dance?

CHRIS: Yes, we are. We're planning on going up to Master Dean's Boy Camp. We're actually on a waiting list right at the moment, so because the class is full. He limits it to 25 boys. And they teach all kind of-- I mean, it's really-- he's got a really good program. So.

PRESENTER 1: Our group meets-- the Poly SIG meets the second Friday of each month, and we get together and talk. And whatever the hot topic is, and we also serve as a peer support system for each other because there are times when if there is a problem, you need to have somebody to talk to. And sometimes it needs to be-- it's not your best friend that work who is monogamous because they just don't understand.

CHRIS: I agree.

PRESENTER 1: And you've got to-- we found that with the groups, there's enough perspectives there. And people who hold you accountable and say, well, do you ever stop and think that you're the one-- they'll turn it around and say, this is what your problem is, look at yourself.

DANNY: I have to say that I'm fortunate in that area because there is someone that I work with that she's not in a poly relationship herself but she's open-minded to it and she knows others that are in one. So I have an outlet there that I can talk to her on occasion if I need to. And her and I just talk about anything and everything, we get down and dirty.

PRESENTER 1: Amen.

PRESENTER 2: OK. Before we get knocked off the air because I don't know how many more minutes we have.

JIMMY: Yeah, five or so.

PRESENTER 2: OK, I need to tell you guys that next month, it'd be really great if people listening, next month, it is Memorial Day weekend. So I don't know how many people are going to be left in town, but we will have Gay and Lesbian Vets on line.

JIMMY: Oh great.

CHRIS: Cool.

PRESENTER 2: So we get to do a veterans show.

JIMMY: Great, good. Good.

PRESENTER 2: And hopefully, we'll get some of them from AVA, and they're going to talk about their recent time at the-- they went to the convention out in San Diego, the new chapter here in Houston and--

JIMMY: Was that B.K. Silva? Because she's been on the show before?

PRESENTER 2: Who is it?

JIMMY: B.K. Silva.

PRESENTER 2: Is that Brando?

JIMMY: Yes, yes, yes.

PRESENTER 2: Well she's president now. Before it was another gentleman who was president, and I don't know if Brando will come on, but we do have some others. And we did want to talk about the current policy of dealing with gays and lesbians as opposed to the former policy that was out. And the current situation that's developing overseas being the only Western nation in Afghanistan not allowing gays and lesbians to serve openly in the problems that are arising from it. And there are some many, many problems coming up.

JIMMY: It's just amazing that the worm has turned on there, yes.

PRESENTER 2: So that's next month, and I just needed to get that in so we could get that out.

PRESENTER 1: I want to get one thing in, last time I was in here, I was talking about my research project, which if you haven't taken it, and I need more gay leather men to take this.

JIMMY: OK.

PRESENTER 1: But I--

PRESENTER 2: Take it Monday night.

PRESENTER 1: Yeah, hopefully. But it's lifestylesearch.org.

JIMMY: [Lifestylesearch.org](http://lifestylesearch.org).

PRESENTER 1: But I did a preliminary presentation of the data, and it looks like it's going to be published. I have had just substantial statistical findings in my research. I presented it at a academic conference, and I had numerous people come up to me about publishing it. And I'm hoping when I'm all done, you'll have me back and I can tell everybody.

JIMMY: Of course, of course.

PRESENTER 1: Because it's really interesting, and it's a gender studies. And so it's just great.

JIMMY: One of the things about the leather community that I really admire is the amount of education and classes that are held. And I've said this before, I'm pretty vanilla myself but there was never a blowjob 101.

PRESENTER 1: You just weren't at the right place.

CHRIS: That's right.

PRESENTER 2: Really?

PRESENTER 1: That was in my background.

[LAUGHTER]

JIMMY: But really there wasn't, and there is still isn't. But there's lots of education opportunities in the leather community.

PRESENTER 1: Well, you know, Nina Hartley was at the ball.

JIMMY: Yes.

PRESENTER 1: And one of the things she talked about was her-- Oh god, I got to CoppaFeel, ooh baby.

[LAUGHTER]

JIMMY: I remember her movies from the '70s.

PRESENTER 1: Yeah, well she has a movie--

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

--on all sex.

JIMMY: --real looks good.

PRESENTER 1: And I told her, I said you taught me everything I know about sex.

PRESENTER 2: That would be why you were talking about being a slut earlier.

[LAUGHTER]

PRESENTER 1: Yeah. I resemble that remark.

PRESENTER 2: So there are quite a few of us.

PRESENTER 1: Well I'll tell you, anybody who doesn't understand porn doesn't say-- and that taught me everything I knew.

JIMMY: Oh absolutely. Absolutely.

PRESENTER 2: Gosh.

DANNY: Well. Wow.

JIMMY: You have email addresses and stuff to give out?

DANNY: No because-- well, I do, but it won't be back up, Sprint did this thing they call consolidation on their servers on Thursday. And I don't have email right now until Monday. That's why we can't do the life-- you can do the lifestyleresearch.org but you can't do it till Monday because it won't--

PRESENTER 1: Yeah, you can because it doesn't go to the server unless you change something on the server because it doesn't email anymore, remember? It's all the results going to--

DANNY: Oh, I thought you were getting the email.

PRESENTER 1: You shouldn't be. I got one last week, which I couldn't figure out why. But normally, everything goes to the website into the database. Remember we set that to database.

DANNY: OK. OK. So still go to the lifestylesearch.org and you don't have to wait till Monday.

PRESENTER 1: And if it doesn't--

DANNY: So go to that.

PRESENTER 1: If for some reason it doesn't work, then come back on Monday.

JIMMY: There you go.

PRESENTER 1: And if you're in any gay leather list, I need more gay respondents. I've got tons of everybody else but I need--

DANNY: We need for leather weekend. We still need artists to come forward. We've opened up the art show and it's just to support people in alternative lifestyles. And if there are artists of any kind, come forward because the more we have, the more we'll be able to put out there.

PRESENTER 1: And if you want to know about the HPEP Poly SIG, the email is poly@hpep.org.

JIMMY: Do that one more time.

PRESENTER 1: Poly, P-O-L-Y@hpep, H-P-E-P.org.

JIMMY: OK, that's easy enough.

PRESENTER 1: And that'll shoot an email directly to one of us, and we can talk to you from there. Normally because our meetings are in private homes, if we know you and we have references that we know you, we'll tell you how to get there. If not, we'll want to meet with you first, just a little called--

JIMMY: That's not too much to ask.

PRESENTER 1: --safety.

JIMMY: That's right. That's right.

DANNY: But we still need the artists and the entertainers, and comedians, and--

CHRIS: And it looks like we may have some judge just from out-of-town.

DANNY: We have some judges from out-of-town.

CHRIS: Other leather titleholders around the country.

PRESENTER 1: And I would personally like to invite you guys and your family to come.

DANNY: And the-- cool. The motorcycles run for this year looks like it's going to be pretty big this year. It's getting bigger, so. And that's-- but if people need info, we haven't update at the website for that yet, they can just email me directly at bulldawg66, B-U-L-L-D-A-W-G-6-6@earthlink.net. And I won't have email till Monday, boo hoo, boo hoo.

[LAUGHTER]

I better have email on Monday.

CHRIS: One final thing I want to add is that to all the people out there in the leather community, if you do identify as a Leatherman or a Leatherwoman, and you are a part of the Leather community, support the community. It's very important. Come out, support the contest. Support the fundraisers.

JIMMY: Oh the Mother's Day fundraiser. When is that one?

CHRIS: Oh Mother's Today is May 12, I believe.

PRESENTER 1: You're having another car wash at the car wash den?

DANNY: No, we're done with the car washes, and the two car washes between this one and the one two weeks ago, good amount of money, but we need to find a different--

CHRIS: I think what we mentioned about is--

PRESENTER 1: Now why couldn't put together a houseboy thing? I mean, I would pay for a houseboy.

[LAUGHTER]

DANNY: That's a good idea.

PRESENTER 1: You're missing a market.

DANNY: Nobody Has come up with that idea but that's a good idea, we can auction off house boys.

PRESENTER 5: You bet.

PRESENTER 1: Do you know how hard it is to find a good house boy in Houston? Oh, house girl, house boy, house anything.

DANNY: But we have the Mothers-- mothers of--

CHRIS: Mother of Montrose contest at Mary's on May 12, I think is Mother's Day. Also coming up in June, Father's Day, I think it's June 16, Daddy of Montrose contest. And I believe this year at Mother of Montrose contest, we're going to be auctioning off cakes or--

DANNY: We're going to try doing a cake auction for the whatever the charity is--

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

CHRIS: The charity is while the contest and stuff is going on.

DANNY: And so we're going to get people to bake cakes, and we're going to auction off the cakes. It works in some other communities but this will be the first year, so we're not expecting it to be this grandiose success like it is in Washington DC they do it. And last year NPR bid on one of the cakes and it brought in 10 grand.

JIMMY: Whoa.

DANNY: They only had five cakes to sell, and they made almost 50 grand off 5 cakes. So that's--

JIMMY: Beautiful.

DANNY: What it can come to, and that's where we're hoping to head, but right now-- so.

CHRIS: And wish us good luck next month at our regional contest, we're going to need it.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

DANNY: --next month.

PRESENTER 5: Good luck.

JIMMY: If you can get to Dallas, support them.

DANNY: And my love to Danny, and Jerry, and to Steven.

CHRIS: Yes, I love you, Jerry, and Steven.

DANNY: Thanks.

JIMMY: If you can get to Dallas support them, and we'll see you next month.

PRESENTER 5: OK.

CHRIS: Thank you.

PRESENTER 5: Take care.

CHRIS: Thank you.

JIMMY: You've been listening to *After Hours*, queer radio with attitude on KPFT Houston and KEOS College Station. Coming up is the *Early Morning Groove*, Bobby Fats is standing right behind me. And in the background, you're hearing something. What are you hearing? You're hearing Christopher Wilson, he's from Houston. It's from his CD, *East Small Days*, and we'll see you next week.

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