

**NARRATOR:** The following program contains language or images of a frank or sensitive nature, which may be considered objectionable by some. Listener discretion is advised.

And Dark Art machines aren't working tonight, so I can't give you that fabulous After Hours intro. (SINGING) After hours, after hours, blah blah blah blah blah blah. Hello Houston and College Station, and the world. And you're listening to After Hours, queer radio with attitude. I'm Jimmy Carper. And it's hatch night tonight, but I've got a couple of things I want to do before then.

**RYAN:** Everybody rushes in here.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Yeah, I know, but we got to play that song first.

**RYAN:** Right.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Yeah. You didn't give it to me.

**RYAN:** It's right here.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Oh, OK. Number four?

**RYAN:** No, it's number one.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Number one.

**RYAN:** But we have to cue some stuff out.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Oh, OK. OK, OK. We can do that. Number one. OK. One of the things I want to talk about is that it's still time for you to buy your tickets for Pride Day at Astroworld. That's right, Gay Day at Astroworld. That's Saturday, June the 2nd. And they're featuring live and concert The Village People with special guests Evelyn champagne King and Thelma Houston.

Oh, lordy. Tickets are \$30 in advance and include a whole bunch of stuff, including a fully catered barbecue picnic lunch. Wow, cool. Cool deal. You can get them at Basic Brothers or the pride hotline at 713-529-6979. And gee, whoops. We're just about ready to bring the hatch folks in. Hello, Whitney.

**WHITNEY:** Hi.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Hi. It's a little strange opening this evening.

**WHITNEY:** Yeah, we heard.

**JIMMY CARPER:** Yeah. Cart machine isn't working for some reason. I don't know. So that kind of threw me off a bit.

**WHITNEY:** What day is it today?

**JIMMY CARPER:** I don't know. What, this is the, what, the May 26th edition of After Hours.

**WHITNEY:** OK.

**JIMMY CARPER:** 2001, right? And let's go here.

**TOMMY:** That was a nifty introduction to HATCH today, done by Ryan. I let somebody choose a song today. In fact, I'm letting three people choose songs today. I'm feeling generous. I am generous today, yes. Welcome to the HATCH Radio Show. I'm Tommy. All right, Tara. Oh, yeah. Good job. Yeah. Rock on! OK, yeah.

**RYAN:** Hello?

**TOMMY:** Yeah, you're on. OK, a little bit of information about HATCH. Stands for Houston Area Teen Coalition of Homosexuals. Somebody's squeaking. Stop!

**RYAN:** Stop what?

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

**TOMMY:** I don't know what you're talking about, man. Yeah, HATCH stands for Houston Area Teen Coalition of Homosexuals. Justin, you make too much noise all the time.

**RYAN:** Pistachios [INAUDIBLE].

**TOMMY:** OK, I'm losing my train of thought. We meet on Friday nights and Sunday nights. Fridays at 7:00, Sundays at 6:00. The number to HATCH would be 713-942-7002. If you want to get a hold of us tonight, we'd be happy to talk to you and stuff. The number here would be 713-526-5738, or 713-526-KPFT. We'd be glad to hear from you.

I think it's time for introductions. Quit being so loud! I am the lovely host for tonight, Tommy, as always.

**RYAN:** Hello, Tommy.

**TOMMY:** I try to be lovely.

**RYAN:** What's the deal, Tommy?

**TOMMY:** Co-hosting tonight, we have Ryan!

**RYAN:** Hello. I'm on the cool side of the booth. This fine May.

**TOMMY:** Do you get a new perspective? Hey, where's the facilitator? I don't feel like a tool.

**RYAN:** OK. OK.

**TOMMY:** You don't feel like a tool?

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

**TOMMY:** OK. Then we have Tara.

**TARA:** Hello.

**RYAN:** Tara with no headphones.

**TARA:** I have no headphones, so I can't hear what's going on.

**RYAN:** Well, you can hear us.

**TOMMY:** Yeah, that's all that matters. Justin, who is making as much noise as possible.

**JUSTIN:** What's up?

**TOMMY:** LuAnn.

**LUANN:** Yes.

**TOMMY:** And her husband, Dan.

**DAN:** Hello.

**TOMMY:** Y'all gave crappy introductions to yourself. Just hello.

**DAN:** Hello. I'm Dan. I'm from England, and I'm a new member. And this is my first time on the radio show.

**TOMMY:** Is it fun? Are you having fun?

**DAN:** Lots of fun.

**TOMMY:** Do you like the atmosphere of the booth?

**DAN:** Oh, I love it.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

**TOMMY:** Please call in and tell him so.

**TARA:** Yeah. My grandmama thinks you're cute.

**DAN:** Oh, I told her I thought she was cute too.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

**DAN:** Even though she's 60 years my senior.

**TARA:** --not like your pants.

**TOMMY:** That's mean. OK. We also-- OK. We have we had a topic tonight. And we were going to talk about gay vacation spots and stuff. But me and Luann forgot to do our homework.

[LAUGHTER]

**DAN:** Your homo-work?

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

**TOMMY:** Our homo-work? Yes.

**TARA:** We can improvise.

**TOMMY:** Yeah.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

**TARA:** If anybody's been anywhere.

**TOMMY:** Are you going to spend--

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

**DAN:** --about improvisation.

[LAUGHTER]

**TOMMY:** Yeah, we do. Bad.

**TARA:** I'd like to say something.

**TOMMY:** Wow.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

**RYAN:** I know. I say, someone is reading fabulous new pride guy.

**TOMMY:** We are. And one of our lovely members, Justin, is featured.

**JUSTIN:** What's up?

**TOMMY:** In the Pride Guide.

**RYAN:** Yes.

**JUSTIN:** Yeah, I was.

**TOMMY:** What page are you on?

**DAN:** What page, Justin?

**JUSTIN:** Oh, guys, I don't know. Oh.

**TOMMY:** Justin, I will find. I will find.

[LAUGHTER]

**RYAN:** Starts at page 145.

**TOMMY:** You are here somewhere.

**JUSTIN:** OK.

**TARA:** It's like a magazine.

**JUSTIN:** But it's OK. I felt like since our topic was about foreign places, since we have a foreigner here, a limey.

**DAN:** Thank you.

**JUSTIN:** Page 163.

**TOMMY:** 163, Justin sparkles Fraser is on there.

**RYAN:** I want to see. Good job, Justin.

[APPLAUSE]

Way to be in gay magazines.

[CHEERING]

**JUSTIN:** That's right, baby. International. I have gone public, guys.

**TOMMY:** OK. So I figured, for a while we're going to talk about the gay situation in England.

**RYAN:** Let's.

**TOMMY:** And stuff.

**DAN:** The gay situation in England.

**TOMMY:** Like overall. How are people treated there that are gay.

**DAN:** Well, it's pretty dismal, really. It's fairly taboo still.

**TOMMY:** OK. Remember you're talking to me. I don't know what dismal means.

**TARA:** Or taboo.

[LAUGHTER]

**DAN:** Right.

**RYAN:** Yeah. Tom is graduating tomorrow, by the way, everybody.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

**DAN:** Congratulations, Tommy. Still learning on his English.

**RYAN:** He's still learning.

**TARA:** I can turn my tassel for you.

**TOMMY:** Ooh, can we can we do the whole phone line stuff today?

**RYAN:** Yes.

**TOMMY:** All right. Hey, guess who's on the phone?

**TARA:** Who?

**TOMMY:** Liz.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

**TARA:** Yeah. Great!

**DAN:** Yes.

**TOMMY:** We're going to put her on. It'll be fun. We like her and stuff.

**DAN:** I'd just like to mention here that Liz is my

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

**TOMMY:** Yeah. I'll let Jimmy figure that stuff out. OK. Define dismal.

**DAN:** Dismal being not good.

**TOMMY:** Not good?

**DAN:** No.

**TOMMY:** OK.

**TARA:** Pretty bad.

**TOMMY:** Would you find that England's attitude towards gay people is--

**DAN:** Rather negative.

**TOMMY:** But compared to the United States though?

**DAN:** Compared to the United States, the United States is a gay mecca compared to England.

**TOMMY:** Oh really?

**DAN:** Yes.

**TOMMY:** See I wouldn't--

**RYAN:** Tell them about that street.

**DAN:** Well, let's generalize Britain-- Britain rather than England.

**RYAN:** Tell them about that street you were telling me about.

**DAN:** The what?

**RYAN:** The street.

**DAN:** The street?

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

**DAN:** Old Compton street in London. OK, we have 12 million people in London. And all they can come up with for gay ville in London is one street called Old Compton Street with a couple of dismal bars with-- they're all a bit like low [INAUDIBLE], old man looking at each other.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

**DAN:** Looking at each other and not saying anything. It's about as good as it gets. We have a couple of gay clubs. But--

**TOMMY:** Oh.

**DAN:** --they're nothing special.

**TOMMY:** Liz, you have to call back.

**RYAN:** She knows.

**TOMMY:** OK.

**RYAN:** Because we hung up on you.

**DAN:** OK, we're having--

**TOMMY:** I have a note.

**RYAN:** Notes?

**TOMMY:** Tara is giving me something. Yay. OK.

**TARA:** I just feel sorry for you, because you don't get to turn your tassel till tomorrow.

**TOMMY:** Aw.

**TARA:** And I graduated before you. So ha. And Liz. So, meh.

**TOMMY:** We're going to go into that stuff later.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

**DAN:** Did we have a message we were going to send out to David? Weren't we going to say yeah, to David?

**TOMMY:** We were going to say hey backwards.

**DAN:** Hey backwards.

**TOMMY:** Hey backwards--

**DAN:** Is yeah.

[LAUGHTER]

**TOMMY:** You--

**RYAN:** Excuse me, what? Anyway.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

**DAN:** This, by the way is from Montrose trash.

[LAUGHTER]

**TOMMY:** OK, we're straying from the topic of England.

[LAUGHTER]

**TARA:** Wow.

**TOMMY:** OK. What what's up with England?

**DAN:** I think it's because we're all--

**TOMMY:** I thought that they let gay people in the military.

**DAN:** Well, yes, that's true. But that's not because they want to. It's a whole government thing. You know, vote for us and all that.

And OK, I went to a college with 300 people. And the whole attitude toward gays is that they don't exist. And even if you are gay, then-- and openly gay to other gay members, you still don't mention that you're gay, as such. You're just curious.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

**TOMMY:** You're just curious?

**DAN:** Yes.

**TOMMY:** While you were living in England, where you just curious?

**DAN:** I was just curious, yes. That's all.

**TOMMY:** Were you out to anybody when you were in England?

**DAN:** A few select family members, but working on it still.

**TOMMY:** Oh, really.

**DAN:** Mm.

**TOMMY:** [INAUDIBLE]

**DAN:** Yes.

**RYAN:** What? Oh, she's on the phone now again. Do I just press the button?

**MAN:** Push this, push that.

**RYAN:** And, Liz.

**LIZ:** Hi.

**TOMMY:** Liz!

**RYAN:** Hey, Liz.

**LIZ:** Hi.

**JUSTIN:** How are you, sweetheart?

**TOMMY:** How are you?

**LIZ:** I'm doing absolutely great, I guess. [LAUGHS]

**RYAN:** Your rotary phone is not cool.

[LAUGHTER]

**JUSTIN:** That's what I was thinking.

**LIZ:** I feel really bad I'm not there, guys.

**JUSTIN:** But there's an excuse. We understand.

**LIZ:** Yes. OK, I guess since all of the people here who are graduating--

**TARA:** Woo-hoo!

**JUSTIN:** --are accessible and stuff, we should get going to that.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

**JUSTIN:** Tara.

**TARA:** What?

**JUSTIN:** How was graduation?

**TARA:** It was marvelous. It started to rain just as we got there. So it was pouring down rain. And I was starting to freak out. Tommy, you've seen me freak out.

**TOMMY:** Yeah.

**TARA:** Yeah. And my dad's here from out of town. And he's never seen me freak out on large events. And he was kind of scared there. [LAUGHS] And finally, I got-- David's family helped me get inside. Because they had umbrellas and I did not.

**TOMMY:** How humanitarian of them.

**DAN:** Yes.

**TARA:** So it was very nice of them. And I ran in. And it was great. And we marched in, and blah, blah, blah. And just as they told us to turn our tassels-- this is really neat.

**TOMMY:** Oh my God.

**TARA:** You are now 2001 graduates. And she's like, you may turn your tassels. And she's like, blah, blah, blah. And just as she made her point and ended her speech, this big bolt of lightning hit, followed by thunder. And it was like a period at the end of the sentence. And we all cheered. It was great. And then some guy gave a speech about pie.

**TOMMY:** OK, hold on one second.

**TARA:** OK.

**TOMMY:** Taylor is also on line two.

**DAN:** Taylor.

**TARA:** Yay!

**TOMMY:** We're going to work on getting her. So Taylor, if you get hung up on, we're sorry. But we will try to get you through. Don't worry. Keep going.

**TARA:** Then our student body president gave a speech about pie. And I really didn't pay attention to it.

**RYAN:** About pie?

**TARA:** Yeah.

**TOMMY:** As in the number of 3.14?

**TARA:** Talking about ingredients in baking and stuff.

**JUSTIN:** Yes, Tommy.

[LAUGHTER]

**TARA:** And then the other guy that was giving a speech from school started talking about Mr. T and about how our graduation certificates meant nothing. And [LAUGHS] I think--

**RYAN:** So was he pitying all you fools out there in the audience or something?

**TARA:** No. He's a senior too.

[LAUGHTER]

**RYAN:** Oh.

**TARA:** And we were all laughing that he was telling us that our diplomas meant nothing. And he was quoting Mr. T. And that was all a little odd.

**TOMMY:** That's certainly--

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

**DAN:** Mr. T as in, I ain't getting in no airplane, fool?

**TARA:** Yeah.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

**TOMMY:** Hey, Taylor, are you there?

**TARA:** --up there.

**TOMMY:** Oh, never mind.

**TARA:** And it was quite hilarious. And they announced my name right. I was Tara. I was not Tara. I was Tara.

[LAUGHTER]

**TOMMY:** Congratulations. Hey, Taylor.

**TARA:** My family has--

**TOMMY:** Hey. Are you on there?

**TAYLOR:** Yeah. I'm on.

**TARA:** Yay. Taylor.

**DAN:** Taylor.

**TOMMY:** I can hardly hear you.

**TAYLOR:** [INAUDIBLE]

**TOMMY:** Turn this thingy up. Yeah.

**TAYLOR:** Can you hear me?

**TOMMY:** I can hear you.

**RYAN:** Please don't speak louder. I'm fine.

[LAUGHTER]

**DAN:** Hello, Taylor.

**TAYLOR:** I was just calling to tell Dan that his voice sounds really sexy.

**DAN:** Well, Taylor, so does yours.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

**TOMMY:** --has a fan after his number one night.

**RYAN:** Hey, Taylor? Taylor?

**TAYLOR:** Yeah?

**RYAN:** Aren't you already pregnant?

[LAUGHTER]

**DAN:** Ryan, there's something you don't know.

**RYAN:** Whoa.

**TOMMY:** Well, that's certainly a little too much information.

[LAUGHTER]

**RYAN:** That you've known Taylor for three months?

[LAUGHTER]

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

**TOMMY:** Yeah.

**DAN:** Yes.

**TOMMY:** So Tara, your party yesterday, which most of us went to, it was rather fun.

**TARA:** It was great. And--

**TAYLOR:** By the way, I just want to tell all of you, thank you for telling me [INAUDIBLE].

[LAUGHTER]

**TARA:** Yes.

**TAYLOR:** I was [INAUDIBLE]

**DAN:** Who was the special person for the night?

**TARA:** --smashed cake in my face, which was great. Then he proceeded to push me into a pool in my nice clothing.

**DAN:** Yeah. That was fun.

**TOMMY:** You took it off first.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

**RYAN:** --and loved how those people just clearly did not like the fact that we were in their little specified area.

**TARA:** My step mom and Tommy were swapping tattooing and piercing stories.

**JUSTIN:** Yes. That was great.

**RYAN:** A little too much, by the way.

**TARA:** I was mortified that they could switch stories and I couldn't, because I have nothing more than an ear piercing, and not even fun ear piercing.

**TOMMY:** OK.

**RYAN:** It's because you're a hooligan.

**TOMMY:** Today we went to Liz's graduation party.

**LIZ:** [LAUGHS]

**TOMMY:** That was fun.

**DAN:** It was fun.

**TAYLOR:** Oh, hi, Liz. I didn't know you were still on too.

**LIZ:** Yeah, I'm on.

**RYAN:** Yeah. Y'all can converse and stuff.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

**TOMMY:** --conference call.

**DAN:** I would like to say that you all suck at playing cards. And I won four games tonight. So thank you.

**JUSTIN:** I just want to make the money that you just said y'all.

[STRANGE SOUND]

[LAUGHTER]

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

**DAN:** No, please, no.

**TOMMY:** Oh, Tara, you would be so happy. I shoved cake and Liz's face. But you know how Justin kind of dipped your face in it?

**LIZ:** Mm-hmm.

**TOMMY:** I rubbed her face in it.

**DAN:** We thoroughly smeared.

**LIZ:** And I thoroughly suffocated.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

[LAUGHTER]

**TOMMY:** She was consuming cake through her nose.

**RYAN:** Yeah. She tried to breathe that stuff. And we just had to let her know, that's not how you eat your cake.

**JUSTIN:** But you see, I made Tara's face blue. It was stained blue from the icing.

**TARA:** It was.

**JUSTIN:** So she was kind of walked around with a partially blue face.

**RYAN:** And, well, it matched the rest of her party.

**TARA:** It did. It was great.

**JUSTIN:** I did that good, guys.

**TAYLOR:** [INAUDIBLE]

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

**DAN:** Well, Liz learned tonight that she cannot have her cake and wear it.

**TARA:** And my father told embarrassing stories.

**TOMMY:** Story. Singular.

**TARA:** A story.

**JUSTIN:** If he said more, I would have been listening. I know.

[LAUGHTER]

**RYAN:** We're so blackmailing you now.

**TARA:** Yeah. Like the rest of my family didn't know that story. And I was like--

**TAYLOR:** Wait, so why don't you tell it now.

**DAN:** Go on Tara.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

**RYAN:** Tara was a drunkard at age nine.

**TOMMY:** Yeah. She thought clearing the table of all the dishes and stuff meant drinking all the contents of the alcoholic beverages.

**TARA:** And then flying the next day to Germany on a 16-hour flight.

**TOMMY:** Completely drunk.

**TARA:** And throwing up in the airport.

**TOMMY:** And how old were you?

**TARA:** Nine.

**TOMMY:** Well, you were going to the right country.

**DAN:** Good lord.

[LAUGHTER]

**TARA:** And I was surprised that none of the rest of my family knew that story. So they were all a little shocked.

**TOMMY:** Y'all are being thoroughly loud. Move the microphone up if you're going to do that.

**RYAN:** Whoa. Whoa. Whoa. Too much. Taylor--

**TAYLOR:** What?

[LAUGHTER]

**RYAN:** Bring it down a few notches. Quiet down. Like you hurt my ears.

[LAUGHTER]

**TARA:** Oh, Tommy, I brought you your memory prom box and your prom ticket.

**TOMMY:** Oh, cool. Thank you. Very cool.

**RYAN:** OK, let's sort of get back on task here.

**TOMMY:** Oh yeah. Oh OK. Tomorrow, me and Liz will be graduating.

**TARA:** Woo-hoo!

[CHEERING]

**LIZ:** Yay.

**TOMMY:** Liz--

[LAUGHTER]

OK, I want to have a discussion about this whole graduation stuff.

**LIZ:** OK.

**TOMMY:** Are you thoroughly excited?

**LIZ:** No.

**TOMMY:** I am too.

**LIZ:** I said no.

**TOMMY:** Oh, why not?

**LIZ:** [LAUGHS]

**TOMMY:** Why not?

**LIZ:** I don't know.

**RYAN:** Tommy, this is what sarcasm feels like.

[LAUGHTER]

She said no, but she meant yes.

**TOMMY:** Oh, OK. I'm sorry. I didn't even hear you say no.

**RYAN:** It's OK.

**TOMMY:** But I don't pay attention. OK. I try.

**LIZ:** Right.

**TOMMY:** Anyway. Yeah, I'm really excited. I can't wait for next year for college and stuff.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

**TOMMY:** What about y'all?

[LAUGHTER]

**RYAN:** Dude, I'm excited about going to college.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

**LIZ:** I heard you Taylor.

**RYAN:** Oh yeah. What did Taylor say?

**TAYLOR:** I said, where are you going to college [INAUDIBLE]?

**RYAN:** University of Tomball.

**DAN:** Oh yes.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

**RYAN:** Hey, could you all quit smacking those pistachios?

**TOMMY:** Yeah, it's kind of annoying.

**TARA:** I have no other choice. It's either go to school and have my parents pay for it or stay at home and pay rent.

**LIZ:** Well, I have to go to college by August or I get my insurance taken away from me.

**TARA:** That too. I get knocked off my parents' insurance if I'm not in classes.

**LIZ:** Yeah.

**TARA:** And I'm always breaking stuff. So--

**DAN:** Wow, Tara just joined us.

**LIZ:** Yeah.

**TARA:** Your voice suddenly came clear.

**TOMMY:** Yeah. I forgot to press her button.

**TARA:** Are you serious?

**TOMMY:** Yeah.

**RYAN:** It's OK.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

**TOMMY:** Move the microphone back.

**RYAN:** It's because you were chewing--

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

**TOMMY:** Yeah. Will you all please stop? That's annoying.

**TARA:** Could you hear my story though?

**TOMMY:** Yeah.

**RYAN:** Anyway.

**TOMMY:** You have five microphones back there. You can hear things. But you were just little--

**RYAN:** [INAUDIBLE]

**LIZ:** All right.

**TARA:** No wonder I didn't do this when I did that.

[LAUGHTER]

**DAN:** Well, there you go.

**TOMMY:** Yeah. Stop.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

**TOMMY:** Yeah. So tomorrow, me and Liz will be graduating at 1:30 at the Astro Arena.

**LIZ:** Mm-hmm. \$5 for parking.

**TARA:** It's not very pretty.

**TOMMY:** It's not pretty?

**TARA:** No. It looks like you're herdin' blue cattle. And in your guys' case, purple cattle.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

**TOMMY:** So it's going to be looking like we're a bunch of Barneys.

**LIZ:** Look-alike.

**TARA:** Because it's done in the Astro Arena where they have exhibitions of cows and stuff.

**TOMMY:** Right.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

**TARA:** Yeah.

**TOMMY:** Hey, tomorrow we get to be a cow, Liz.

**LIZ:** Woo-hoo.

**TARA:** A purple cow.

**TOMMY:** Can we moo when we're walking in? Moo.

[LAUGHTER]

**LIZ:** I think we should walk in singing-- (SINGING) --I love you, you love me.

[LAUGHTER]

I think that--

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

**RYAN:** As I pet you with something from the crowd.

[LAUGHTER]

**TOMMY:** See, but being a senior this year was really cool for me. On the last week of school, there were teachers that made sure that they would be able to see me before I left. And they gave me basically, I admire your courage. I'm very happy that you were here. I'm glad that--

**TARA:** I had teachers like that.

**TOMMY:** And the one person that made me feel really special was Miss Bass. She's the-- I don't know what she is. She's social worker or something.

**LIZ:** Yeah, I don't like her.

**TOMMY:** But she called me out of my class to talk to me to say goodbye. And she was like, you paved the way for other gay students. And I really admire you. And I hope the best. I really hope the best for you. And it made me feel really good.

**TARA:** I think the neatest thing that a teacher did is my apparel teacher, which is sewing, called my mother the day-- a few days before graduation after school got out, and told my mother that she liked me so much that she moved my grade from a 14 to a 50 so it wouldn't seem so bad on my transcript.

**TAYLOR:** Wow, [INAUDIBLE].

**TOMMY:** A 14?

**TARA:** Yes. Justin has disowned me.

**TOMMY:** Tara, you have a 14?

**TARA:** Yes.

**TOMMY:** In apparel?

**TARA:** Yes. Sewing.

**TOMMY:** Aren't you a hag of Justin?

**TARA:** You see, but no. I just didn't like it. I just sewed random pieces of material together to make myself look busy.

[LAUGHTER]

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

**RYAN:** And that's how you scored your 14. Exactly.

**TARA:** I passed my final with an 80.

**RYAN:** Yeah, but that didn't really help your 14 much, now did it, Tara.

[LAUGHTER]

**TARA:** It's no a 14 anymore though, it's a 50.

**RYAN:** That's like the HISD 50.

[LAUGHTER]

Thanks a lot.

**TAYLOR:** [INAUDIBLE] lower than 50.

**TARA:** Yeah, it's illegal to give grades lower than 50.

[LAUGHTER]

**RYAN:** No, it's--

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

**RYAN:** Doesn't that kind of--

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

**MAN:** Make a whole 50 points?

**DAN:** Such is the American educational system.

**RYAN:** There you go. There you go.

**TARA:** Nonetheless, I've graduated.

**RYAN:** Anyway--

**TARA:** So when you're not sewing.

**RYAN:** --speaking of the American educational system. I don't know, that's all I got.

[LAUGHTER]

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

**RYAN:** I know. How about them Mets? Yeah. I just, you know.

**TOMMY:** How about the England educational system?

**RYAN:** Exactly.

**DAN:** We're not even going to go into the English educational system.

**TOMMY:** No, actually, let's go into that, seeing how this is the forum for that.

**DAN:** Why would we want to go into the English education system?

**TOMMY:** Because we're going to talk about your school, your high school.

**DAN:** My high school?

**TOMMY:** What was your high school like?

**DAN:** My high school was very small and rather inbred.

**TOMMY:** Was it?

**DAN:** Yes.

[LAUGHTER]

**TOMMY:** Were you like royal family? Did you have hemophilia?

[LAUGHTER]

**DAN:** No hemophilia.

**TOMMY:** No hemophilia.

**DAN:** However--

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

**RYAN:** Y'all are freaking weird.

**DAN:** Thank you--

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

**TOMMY:** OK, so--

**DAN:** Someone's on my side.

**RYAN:** This said from the pregnant one.

[LAUGHTER]

**DAN:** I'm rather disappointed--

**TAYLOR:** Yeah, Taylor, shouldn't you be in Idaho by now?

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

**RYAN:** Whoa.

**DAN:** I'm not pregnant with my brother's baby.

**JUSTIN:** Well, I don't know the daddy.

[LAUGHTER]

**TAYLOR:** My husband's coming into town tomorrow.

**TOMMY:** I went to a porno store with her husband once though. That was fun.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

**RYAN:** He's coming into town tomorrow, Taylor?

**TAYLOR:** Yeah. He wanted to-- he was coming in on Sunday so he could go to HATCH, but then nobody's going to be there.

[TAPPING]

**RYAN:** Stop.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

**TOMMY:** Yeah. None of us will be there on Sunday. Hey, you want to come over on Sunday-- tomorrow, Taylor?

**RYAN:** See, I told you, you were invited.

**TOMMY:** Booyah.

**DAN:** Yes, come, Taylor.

**TAYLOR:** No, I'm just going to hang out with my husband.

**DAN:** Oh. Bring him too.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

**RYAN:** Oh, I see how it is. Running away.

[LAUGHTER]

**DAN:** Go on.

**RYAN:** Anyway.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

**TOMMY:** This one?

**RYAN:** So as Tommy is trying to do the CD--

**TOMMY:** No, that was just so I don't have to do much of anything when we're ready.

**RYAN:** I see. Well, you left a whole space of not doing much of anything. So--

**TOMMY:** Can you all not converse without me guiding you?

**RYAN:** No.

**JUSTIN:** No. Which is pretty sad if you think about it.

[LAUGHTER]

I feel special, Jimmy.

**RYAN:** Without you, they're nothing.

[LAUGHTER]

**JUSTIN:** I feel rather special.

**RYAN:** Well, we're not much of anything with you. So--

[LAUGHTER]

**TOMMY:** You know what? I have a finger sticking up.

[LAUGHTER]

**RYAN:** You could put it down.

**TOMMY:** Do you know which one it is?

**RYAN:** Let me guess. Can't be the thumb. Can't be the little one.

[LAUGHTER]

Probably that big fat one in the middle.

**TARA:** I wonder if everybody says that.

**JUSTIN:** I don't know.

**RYAN:** It's possible.

**TARA:** I was reading my diploma and it says, Cypress Creek, blah, blah, blah, blah, this certificate that Tara Marie Martinez has satisfactorily completed the course of study prescribed for graduating by Cypress Fairbanks Independent School District and is there--

**TAYLOR:** [INAUDIBLE] says something like that.

[LAUGHTER]

**JUSTIN:** But does it say satisfactorily?

[LAUGHTER]

That's-- that's what I want to know.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

**RYAN:** As a testament to the Cy Fair Independent School District, thank you for teaching your students so very much.

**DAN:** Let's go back to the American school system again.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

**TARA:** This month of May.

[LAUGHTER]

**RYAN:** This month of May?

**TARA:** This month of May.

**MAN:** (SINGING) This merry, merry month of May.

[LAUGHTER]

**JUSTIN:** This merry, merry month of May, yes.

[LAUGHTER]

**DAN:** Goodness.

**TOMMY:** Are you all ready to hear a song?

**RYAN:** Yes.

**MAN:** What song are we hearing?

**TOMMY:** Metallic-- OK. My sister flew in for a graduation. She brought her husband. They brought their friends, her husband's friend made me promise to play Metallica.

**RYAN:** Hi Tommy's family's husbands friend.

**TOMMY:** We do shout-outs last. You know this.

**RYAN:** I know this.

**TOMMY:** You know--

**RYAN:** I'm giving him props, dude. You're saying the song. We got to give him an intro here.

**TOMMY:** OK. Well, his name is Nick then.

**RYAN:** Yeah. He was getting his--

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

**TOMMY:** That's all you're getting. You're not getting anything after the show.

**TAYLOR:** Wait.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

[LAUGHTER]

**RYAN:** Whoa, Jimmy.

[LAUGHTER]

**JUSTIN:** Yes. Jimmy just exploded behind--

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

[LAUGHTER]

**JUSTIN:** --you can't see this.

**TOMMY:** Your head needs to stay out of the gutter.

[LAUGHTER] Now.

**RYAN:** Wow. OK, so back to the song.

**TOMMY:** Yeah. Yeah. Metallica and stuff. I'm going to press this button right here and stuff.

[MUSIC - METALLICA]

**MAN:** This is a fair request. And I promise I will not judge any person only as a teenager, if you will constantly remind yourself that some of my generation judges people by their race, their belief, or the color of their skin. And that this is no more right than saying all teenagers are drunken dope addicts or blue sniffers.

**TOMMY:** Understand. Hi, y'all.

**RYAN:** Whoa.

**TOMMY:** We're back and stuff. You're in my chair.

[LAUGHTER]

**RYAN:** Wow. Is the room back on?

**TOMMY:** Just me right now. But now, y'all are back on--

**RYAN:** Yay.

**DAN:** Are we all back on?

**TOMMY:** --and stuff.

**DAN:** LuAnn's not here.

**TOMMY:** Whatever.

**DAN:** My wife is not here.

**TOMMY:** What CD were y'all trying to pass off without me knowing?

**RYAN:** Well, we didn't know when you were coming back. So--

**TOMMY:** I was here. I know what the deal is.

**RYAN:** Can you turn it back on? Hey, can you all hear me?

**TOMMY:** I just had to smoke me a cigarette.

**DAN:** Yeah.

**RYAN:** You can hear it?

**DAN:** Yeah.

**TOMMY:** Oh, I'm not on.

**RYAN:** I can hear you.

**TOMMY:** Why am I not on?

**DAN:** You are on. I can hear you great.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

**TOMMY:** I'm on? I'm just not plugged in. I don't know. I can't hear me. I feel so unspecial.

**RYAN:** Well, you're on, but--

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

**TARA:** You're special.

**TOMMY:** Yeah. I know I see me. But I'm not on. Oh well.

**DAN:** I can hear you on.

**TOMMY:** I guess I can deal without it. But I want to hear Liz and Taylor.

**DAN:** They've gone.

**TARA:** They're gone.

**TOMMY:** Oh, they hung up?

**DAN:** Liz and Taylor, call back.

**TOMMY:** Whatever.

**DAN:** Here's my wife.

**TOMMY:** Give me yours.

**RYAN:** I can't hear anything either.

**TOMMY:** Oh. Can you all hear it?

**TARA:** Yeah.

**DAN:** Yeah.

**TOMMY:** What's the deal with this side?

**RYAN:** Put it back on.

**TOMMY:** OK.

**RYAN:** Much better.

**TOMMY:** Does it-- yes. This works way better.

**RYAN:** Here we are. Back in full effect.

**TOMMY:** Whoa, bubble. OK.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

**RYAN:** Come on [INAUDIBLE]. Sorry.

[LAUGHTER]

It was in my head.

**TOMMY:** OK. We're back.

**DAN:** Hey.

**TOMMY:** HATCH radio show. HATCH stands for Houston Area Teen Coalition of Homosexuals. We meet every Friday nights and every Sunday nights-- Fridays at 7:00, Sundays at 6:00. To be a member of HATCH, you must be between the ages of 13 and 20. If you would like to--

**DAN:** 21?