

SPEAKER 1: Let's try. Let's just rehearsal. OK, we're good vibe lesbian brothers. And when we're in Houston, we listen to *After Hours* on KPFT, Houston.

SPEAKER 2: That makes it [INAUDIBLE].

RICKY Yes, it's that time of the year, ladies and gentlemen.

HEYSQUIERDO:

RICKY My name isn't Larry Winters.

HEYSQUIERDO:

LARRY And mine's not Rick Heysquierdo. But--

WINTERS:

RICKY But this is the one time there's peace on the table, my friends. Larry Winters and I are coming to you asking you

HEYSQUIERDO: to fulfill your pledge to KPFT by sending in your donation that you made a promise to, or send in a credit card information to KPFT. 526-4000 is the number if you need more information. Or you can-- usually, you have to talk and spend \$3 a minute to speak to Larry Winters.

LARRY Yeah, right 298-1900, Rick Heysquierdo is the number to call. But, no, what we want you to do is do honor your

WINTERS: pledge to KPFT because this is the only place in the world where I'll have any socialization with a person like Rick.

RICKY Three syllable word. I'm proud of him. 526-4000, friends. Thanks so much for being members of KPFT.

HEYSQUIERDO:

[MUSIC PLAYING]

JEWEL: Go. This is jewel, and you're back with *After Hours*. And I'm sitting here with Jim. Jim, I didn't catch your last name.

JIMMY BROWN: My name is Jimmy Brown, the movie watching queen.

JEWEL: Jimmy Brown, the movie watching queen. And you're with a new movie club in town--

JIMMY BROWN: Yes.

JEWEL: --for an example of the kind of organizations the switchboard would give out information about.

JIMMY BROWN: Yes.

JEWEL: Tell me what a movie club is.

JIMMY BROWN: Well, basically what we do is every Saturday evening, we go out to eat and we go to the movies. And basically we're like a movie critic group. We write the movies and put our little movie reviews in the new voice.

JEWEL: In the new voice. So that was you I saw in the voice last week.

JIMMY BROWN: Yeah.

JEWEL: You were one of those names that-- they picked several names who said something about each movie or several names of people picked a movie and said something about?

JIMMY BROWN: Yes. Big Mama is the one that actually writes the article.

JEWEL: Big Mama, sounds like somebody I should know.

JIMMY BROWN: Yes.

[CHUCKLES]

JEWEL: And what kind of movies do you go to? I mean, a lot of people say, oh, they're queer, so they going to porno.

JIMMY BROWN: Actually, I've had people call me up and ask for that specifically, but I say, we don't see those.

JEWEL: We don't see those. We only see those on our own time.

JIMMY BROWN: Yes. We mainly go to recently released films. We try to go see things that have just come out just so that we can get something that no one else has seen yet. We get a lot of requests from people to go to alternative theaters like River Oaks and stuff like that, but we haven't done it yet.

JEWEL: So you see the recently out movies and the new. Do you get any discounts to go to these movies for the review?

JIMMY BROWN: Well, we've gotten offers from several theaters that show place. They've begged us, like, come to their theater and they would give us discounts, but I haven't made up my mind if I want to do that yet. But I'm thinking about it.

JEWEL: Well, that sounds like a good idea.

JIMMY BROWN: Yeah.

JEWEL: And you go to dinner before or after the movie?

JIMMY BROWN: Well, we changed it to where we're going to the dinner afterward because we had to hurry and eat before we went to the theater and it was kind of hard to do that. So that way we can talk as long as we want after the movie and discuss the movie and stuff like that.

JEWEL: And what was the movie you saw recently?

JIMMY BROWN: We just went to go see the *Client* tonight, and that was a fabulous movie. Susan Sarandon just--

JEWEL: Yeah, that's the little kid, isn't it?

JIMMY BROWN: Yeah, it was very good, very, very good.

JEWEL: And you felt it was good. Did somebody else think it was like mediocre?

JIMMY BROWN: Well, we have a four-rating system, the best being three circles in a snap, which is four stars and one star is queer of eight, which is like the worst.

JEWEL: The worst.

JIMMY BROWN: Yeah. [CHUCKLES] Yes.

JEWEL: And--

JIMMY BROWN: We all get it four stars.

JEWEL: Well, how long's your group been together?

JIMMY BROWN: Approximately about two months.

JEWEL: And I heard somebody say tonight you were looking for a little more female participation.

JIMMY BROWN: Yes, we would love to have more women in our group.

JEWEL: So if you were women out there and you like movies and you like dinner and you'd like to meet some new friends, here's an excellent opportunity. Is there some way they can get a hold of you, Jimmy?

JIMMY BROWN: Yes, I'm always listed in various publications, but my number is 952-4048 and just ask for Jimmy.

JEWEL: 952-4048.

JIMMY BROWN: Yes.

JEWEL: And ask for Jimmy. And when will be the what-- when and where will be the next time you do a meeting? I mean, it's every week on--

JIMMY BROWN: Yes, on Saturday. The way I make it the most convenient for everybody is by Friday at noon, I'll leave a message on my recorder as to what theater and restaurant we're going to be going to. And if you want to come, you just leave your name and number and that lets me know how many people are coming, and we set it up that way.

JEWEL: Well, great. Well, now you know. And what we'll do is give this number again when you hand me that pen and I'll write it down for the movie club. And we'll give this number again a little bit later so that if you don't have your pencil and paper ready right now, we'll be able to give you this. You want to give it to us one more time?

JIMMY BROWN: Yeah. OK, it's 952---

JEWEL: 952---

JIMMY BROWN: --4048.

JEWEL: --4048, and ask for Jimmy. And we will give this number to you. And I appreciate your time.

JIMMY BROWN: Thanks.

JEWEL: Thank you. I want to-- to me, I don't think that there is such a-- I don't want to sound too crazy about this. But I don't think there's a bigger godhead in my gay life than Oscar Wilde.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, yeah?

JEWEL: And I don't mean God, but godhead. I mean, someone I review and appreciate for his efforts. And a lot of people when they hear about Oscar Wilde, they think about the playwright and they think about the nelly, effeminate man that stood trial for molesting a, well, 21-year-old man or something?

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, please.

JEWEL: He was a grown man.

JIMMY CARPER: He was a grown man. And Oscar Wilde was married with two children, for one thing.

JEWEL: Yes.

JIMMY CARPER: And far from being nelly, I think he was just more a dandy.

JEWEL: Yes, he was very sensitive man obviously from his works. But one of the things that I appreciate most about him is that he was one of the first people-- I mean, he could have made this go away. He could have made that trial and all that ugliness go away but he stood up to it, and he said, no, we're going to take it in public. And it ruined him. It ruined him at that time.

And I noticed in one of the pieces of paper that Judy put together for us, picked out of the post on the 20th-- [COUGHS] excuse me-- I've got a tickle in my throat tonight-- picked out the post on the 21st was that Oscar Wilde was finally placed in the poet's corner in Westminster Abbey, which is the place.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, yes.

JEWEL: --for poets.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, yes.

JEWEL: And it was announced Wednesday in London that his plaque will be unveiled February 14, the 100th birthday of the first night of his best loved play, Importance of Being Earnest. And if you haven't seen the Importance of Being Earnest or you haven't read the Importance of Being Earnest, it really is--

JIMMY CARPER: Hysterical.

JEWEL: I think it's hysterical, but I think it's a big metaphor for coming out. Being honest.

JIMMY CARPER: I'm not a fan of that but--

JEWEL: Being honest and coming out because what did this man do in the end but he had to come out? He had to come out--

JIMMY CARPER: That's true.

JEWEL: --with what was going on. He was living two lives. And, see, I really see it as a big metaphor. And I see a lot of Oscar Wilde's writing at it's metaphorical for the kind of lives that we live now. And a lot of people think that Oscar Wilde because he died in 1900, and this would be the 100th anniversary of his play, that this is Ancient history and not relative to anything that we do today--

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, on the contrary, on the contrary.

JEWEL: Yes, it is-- I think it's as relative today as it was then but you have to look for it just like you do what they say about the Bible being relative today that you have to adjust for the time differences. And I think the same thing is about Oscar Wilde. So I wanted to point that out. He's finally getting his rightful place. And the only reason he was denied that place, the only reason was because he was homosexual.

JIMMY CARPER: Sure.

JEWEL: And I--

JIMMY CARPER: And in fact, it's really hard to relate his lifestyle to today's lifestyle's--

JEWEL: Oh, god.

JIMMY CARPER: --because there weren't any homosexuals back then. It was more of a bisexual type existence.

JEWEL: It had to be.

JIMMY CARPER: And you were expected to be married with children.

JEWEL: There were no options like there are today.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah. Men and women, both lived double lives. That was the-- that's what you had to do.

JEWEL: Women had special friendships.

JIMMY CARPER: Special friendships.

JEWEL: Eleanor Roosevelt had a special friendship.

JIMMY CARPER: And it was only women-- the only women who had any real freedom were those who were independently wealthy.

JEWEL: And was it Queen Victoria who said that when they ask about making a law for lesbians because they just made a law about homosexual men who said, why, no, we don't need a law.

JIMMY CARPER: That's right.

JEWEL: There are no such thing as lesbians

JIMMY CARPER: How could they possibly have sex?

JEWEL: Right.

[LAUGHTER]

So things have changed a lot, a lot in the ensuing years. And--

JIMMY CARPER: So it's just a whole entirely different lifestyle.

JEWEL: And I'd like us to remember the grandfathers and grandmothers because *Wildstein* was the program-- my first radio program was *Wildstein* back in '79. And I also worked with Charles Gillis at the Wildstein bookstore. So Oscar Wilde, Gertrude Stein had kind of been my godparents.

JIMMY CARPER: Well, they were very strong and pioneering people.

JEWEL: Brave, brave.

JIMMY CARPER: Very brave.

JEWEL: At a time when it was not as easily lived through as it is today. I mean, today if you come out and it ruins your family relationship and it ruins your work relationship, you pick up and move to another city. Back then, you just couldn't do it.

JIMMY CARPER: That was it. It was all over.

JEWEL: Your life was-- you lived with that the rest of your life. Oh, another thing that Judy pointed out, and it was in the post the 10th, and I read this as a matter of fact, when I saw this is that-- [COUGHS] wow, excuse me-- is Colonel Calmomor--

JIMMY CARPER: Oh.

JEWEL: --who was kicked out of the National Guard is--

JIMMY CARPER: Yes, Margaret Calmomor--

JEWEL: --the highest ranking female in the National Guard, I believe, yes, and a highly decorated Vietnam veteran was reinstated to her job.

JIMMY CARPER: No, I hadn't heard that.

JEWEL: She was reinstated to her job. The federal court ordered her reinstatement last month ruling her discharge based on her sexual orientation was unconstitutional. The ninth US Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco refused to delay that order, so she was put back in uniform.

JIMMY CARPER: Good.

JEWEL: And I think that is a big jump and a big-- but I don't know what it is.

JIMMY CARPER: Speaking of pioneering women.

JEWEL: Really, I don't know what it is. Maybe it's because Barbra Streisand's making a movie starring Glenn Close, who's going to be doing Calmomor Meyers.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, really?

JEWEL: Yes, maybe it's some of that kind of political pressure, social pressure. But they're not reinstating Tracy Thorne. They're not reinstating all the young men in the Navy who-- how about the guy who came out after being promised on the TV by our new President Clinton that this was not going to happen anymore?

JIMMY CARPER: And it happened.

JEWEL: And he came out and the next day and, boom, he was out of the service. And he's still out of the service. They're not reinstating him.

JIMMY CARPER: It takes one at a time to make changes.

JEWEL: Right. So I'm thinking that this may be the extra pressure because Barbra Streisand weighs a lot of political pressure and a lot of social pressure in Hollywood, which has their thorn their little stringers out everywhere I think that maybe this has something to do with. And I really don't care. I don't care. I care only that this woman has her job back.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes.

JEWEL: And that it's something to build upon. So we have a little success there. While in another city, another tidbit thrown in by Judy that I also read, that I just as bad as this is, I really got a chuckle out of it myself. A prosecutor in Boca Raton, Florida, and three other people that he was with, state prosecutor, states Kern County State's attorney, showed up at a gay bar. Did you read this?

JIMMY CARPER: No.

JEWEL: Showed up at a gay bar in drag.

JIMMY CARPER: What?

JEWEL: And proceeded to trash the bar, call people faggots, throw things at people--

JIMMY CARPER: Wait a minute. This guy, this is a--

JEWEL: Said the man--

JIMMY CARPER: --law person who gets in drag and goes to a gay bar and trashes it.

JEWEL: OK, so let me read this right. Police say 10 men entered the Paradise club, a restaurant bar catering to homosexuals about 11:30 PM Saturday, attired in dresses, wigs, stockings, and paraded around the club singing. Paradise employees said the men danced with each other all the while yelling insults at patrons, homos, faggots, and dykes. The men ripped down plants and flower arrangements and tore down pictures and broke various bottles and glass and stuff did all kinds of other little [INAUDIBLE].

JIMMY CARPER: Damn.

JEWEL: Some of them started to strip demanding free beer. An employee called the police. The police officers came down and picked them up. But they said they also drove out half the customers. Police officers searching the suspects saw four men, one holding the upper torso of a plastic mannequin about 15 blocks from the club and picked up those two guys who happened to be with that party.

Let's see. Let's see. The four men had-- one of the four men had a black, slip dress with spaghetti straps, another yellow dress, and another two are wearing yellow and blue mini skirts and T-shirts. It didn't take too much to identify them out on the streets of [INAUDIBLE].

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, bet not.

JEWEL: But it turns out that this guy is a supervisor in a felony crime unit. And he reported his arrest to his superiors Monday and was suspended from a supervisory duties. They'd all been members of a rugby club and spent the day golfing in women's clothes for a tournament spoofing ladies professional golf association, which I didn't like either.

JIMMY CARPER: Which is also in bad taste.

JEWEL: That's right. Which I didn't like either. Well, just to let you know that this guy's been the county prosecutor from actually Broward County since 1988. And his formal charges disorderly intoxication. But I think that--

JIMMY CARPER: And that's Florida for you.

JEWEL: Gay bashing and maybe even as far as a hate crime--

JIMMY CARPER: Sure.

JEWEL: --may under the terms-- under the-- I want to get some paperwork that tells us exactly what hate crime is.

JIMMY CARPER: I wish it existed to tell you the truth.

JEWEL: Somewhere somebody's got to have it written down. If there's a law, it has to be written down somewhere.

JIMMY CARPER: It's just so nebulous, it seems.

JEWEL: Anyway, I would think that this would be a hate crime. They entered a bar deliberately.

JIMMY CARPER: That's right. They didn't rob anybody or anything like that, but they tore it apart.

JEWEL: So I thought that would be interesting. I found that--

JIMMY CARPER: And they'll be charged with what? Malicious mischief or something like that?

JEWEL: Yeah, slapped on the wrist and sent home. Let's see. So that was a few things that I kind of found interesting. At home, we had even more interesting things go on. When was it the other night this happened? This thing with the restaurant?

JIMMY CARPER: Oh.

JEWEL: When did that happen?

JIMMY CARPER: That was I believe last Saturday night because Jim and I went over there for dinner-- well, for something to eat after the show last Saturday night and found out that our newest gay bar complex in town had been raided.

JEWEL: Raided, or is that something out of the past, raided. And I understand talking around that that's something that's been going on a little bit more frequently lately.

JIMMY CARPER: That's right. Two weeks ago, Ray Hill was on the show talking about how QTs had an old-fashioned bar raid with lights on and everybody up against the wall and show us your IDs. The only difference being that the officers doing this raid wore ski masks.

JEWEL: Ski masks so that those little nellie homosexuals can't see who they are and come in and throw bombs at their house.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah. Now, I have it was not reported to me that the police who raided the Triangle were wearing ski masks but--

JEWEL: Well, I have a firsthand, firsthand experience sitting in the lobby that I want to talk to as soon as you play some music.

JIMMY CARPER: No kidding.

JEWEL: I hope he's still out there.

RAINBO: I'm right here.

JIMMY CARPER: He's right behind you as a matter of fact.

JEWEL: Then you want to hold on the music and just talk to us about this?

RAINBO: Go ahead.

JEWEL: OK, OK we're going to play some music and then we're going to come back and talk to--

JIMMY CARPER: We're going to talk to--

JEWEL: --Dick Hurt No kidding.

JIMMY CARPER: That's right.

JEWEL: No kidding.

JIMMY CARPER: That's the man's name.

JEWEL: And we're--

JIMMY CARPER: However, you might know him as--

JEWEL: More commonly and more fondly known as Rainbo de Clown.

JIMMY CARPER: Right.

JEWEL: And we'll talk to Rainbo in just a minute.

JIMMY CARPER: OK.

[APPLAUSE]

Oh, yeah, that was Marc Almond in *What Makes a Man a Man*. And I thought that was kind of a fitting song for our next guest.

JEWEL: Rainbo detainee.

JIMMY CARPER: detainee.

JEWEL: Detainee. I like that.

JIMMY CARPER: Or decon.

JEWEL: Yeah, Rainbo decon. I like that. Well, tell me, Rainbo, you were at--

RAINBO: The Triangle bar.

JEWEL: --The Triangle bar, which is a restaurant bar.

RAINBO: Right.

JEWEL: And it's over at 59 at Wesleyan.

RAINBO: Right.

JEWEL: And you were there late after midnight.

RAINBO: It was after midnight. I had worked 12 hours before doing singing telegrams all through the Houston area, which I do for a living. And then--

JEWEL: Quite well I know. [? Not gonna lie. ?]

RAINBO: According to the West End substation, I do very well.

JEWEL: Very well. I know. And you went into the restaurant, the bar and--

RAINBO: About 12:30

JEWEL: --ordered a drink.

RAINBO: Right.

JEWEL: And you winked at a good-looking guy across the room.

RAINBO: No, he winked at me.

JEWEL: He winked at you.

RAINBO: I came in flaming like I normally do with the bars.

JEWEL: Yeah, like you do here.

RAINBO: And this guy smiled at me and gave me the eye. Found out later well after I drank after I ordered my cocktail and walked around with the owner and with some of the other patrons and my friends.

JEWEL: Yeah.

RAINBO: I sat down and read a twit magazine about the best little-- can you say that?

JEWEL: *Best Little Whorehouse.*

RAINBO: Yeah, the *Best Little Whorehouse* in Texas. Yeah, and was sipping on a cocktail. I didn't drank over half of it. And this cute guy that winked at me and gave me the eye came over and said, you're arrested.

JEWEL: Arrested.

RAINBO: I was--

JEWEL: And what was your response, you were telling me?

RAINBO: Oh, I said, you're kidding. You're joking. You're one of the dancers. I thought he was one of these guys that are going to dance for me.

JEWEL: And, no--

RAINBO: He said, no.

JEWEL: --he wasn't in a G string.

RAINBO: He showed me his badge, and he handcuffed me and drug me into another room and handcuffed me to another cute bartender.

JEWEL: And then puts you in that sweaty van.

RAINBO: Hell after--

JEWEL: All those men hunters.

RAINBO: I know. It was terrible.

JEWEL: But I would say this was an awful experience, was it?

RAINBO: Yeah.

JEWEL: But being arrested really is not-- even though it can be--

RAINBO: It's not Hollywood.

JEWEL: Right. Even though you can be arrested in good company, it's still a frightening experience, isn't it?

RAINBO: Well, I was going through a Zsa Zsa Gabor panic attack. I thought I was going to get-- what do you call it?

JEWEL: Anxiety.

RAINBO: No.

JEWEL: I don't know.

RAINBO: I thought I was going to get raped in jail.

JEWEL: Oh, raped. Oh god.

RAINBO: Because you hear all these stories that go on there and I thought, oh, no.

JEWEL: Oh, yeah.

RAINBO: So I asked for a breathalyzer.

JEWEL: You've never been in jail before?

RAINBO: Never have. 43 years my mother trained me well.

JEWEL: And here you walked into a bar, had half a drink, and were arrested.

RAINBO: Yeah. About 100 yards-- a little over 100 yards from where Gonzalez shot down Adeli Delaney when he was drunk.

JEWEL: Aha, aha, right there.

RAINBO: Yeah, supposedly [INAUDIBLE].

JEWEL: And there were other people in the restaurant that they took out. And they were employees and patrons. And you were arrested and taken down and held overnight.

RAINBO: To almost-- well, from 1:00. From the time I was shackled-- I guess you what you call handcuffed--

JEWEL: Handcuffed, yeah.

RAINBO: --shackled--

JEWEL: It sounds so much better. Chain gang, yeah. And Daisy chain gang

RAINBO: --until I left the Reasoner Street Hotel, which they call city jail, at 11:45 PM that night. I was in there almost 24.

JEWEL: Oh my god, yeah.

RAINBO: For almost 24 hours, yes.

JEWEL: Almost 24 hours. Every time I've been down there--

[LAUGHTER]

RAINBO: Barely been there before.

JEWEL: Which has been twice, once for a major protest and once because I--

RAINBO: Did you get a red band?

JEWEL: --I called a police officer a liar, and I was arrested. He told me he was going to give me the trip of my life and he did.

RAINBO: Oh, dear.

JEWEL: And he told me-- actually he said, I'm going to give you a experience you'll never forget, it's what he told me. And he's right. But I have never gone past the holding tank. When they asked me-- When I was down there last time they called me up to this counter that-- I came up to the top of the counter came up to my chin. So I'm resting my chin on this counter talking to a sergeant behind the desk asking me all kinds of questions.

And he asked me if I had any homosexual tendencies and I said, yes, I'm a lesbian. And he said, maybe you didn't understand the question. Let me ask it again. And he said, do you have any homosexual tendencies? Or are you a homosexual? And I said, yes. And he said, yes. And I said, yes, I'm a lesbian. And I was separated from everybody else and put in just a holding tank and held there for 24 hours. And I'll tell you, it's a lot more comfortable where you went than sitting on a cold ice bench--

RAINBO: Well, I had a nice roommate.

JEWEL: --with a nasty, stinky baloney sandwich sitting next to you.

RAINBO: I had a-- the food was not that bad. In fact--

JEWEL: Navigating going down.

RAINBO: In fact, if you're gay and you say you're gay, you get a-- no--

JEWEL: A special.

RAINBO: --you don't get in a big cell with everybody else, at least in my experience. And you get breakfast in bed, and they let the straight guys go down to get their breakfast.

JEWEL: Right. And they leave you there.

RAINBO: Yeah.

JEWEL: They do separate you, and you're not thrown in there with--

RAINBO: For your protection.

JEWEL: --with the homophobes who--

RAINBO: At least in my experience. I don't know if that's--

JEWEL: It has been that experience in most cases. If they do know you are gay, they will separate you. And they do keep you away from those redneck babbas who got arrested because they were driving drunk last night while they were trying to kill a queer on Montrose.

RAINBO: So he was talking about he was trying to keep away from getting in a holding tank. I was also trying to do that, too. I asked for a breathalyzer over and over and over and they would not give me one.

JEWEL: Oh, yeah. We were talking outside that PI is a sweet, little thing they have because they can-- it's--

RAINBO: It's a form of harassment.

JEWEL: They can drive a Mac truck through it.

RAINBO: They try to get what-- they use PI I can-- as my experience in the court was to get the big fishes that have warrants against them and in the process they get the minnows to that have nothing

JEWEL: Right, and make them. Unfortunately, this is not really going to make your life uncomfortable. But other people who may have been there may have been devastating to them.

RAINBO: Well, it wasn't [INAUDIBLE].

JEWEL: Well, I know that jail is an experience, but it's not going to ruin your everyday life. Some of these people, it could have been very devastating to their lives. Some guy who's there [INAUDIBLE].

RAINBO: They ask you if you're suicidal. They do ask you if you're suicidal. And they take your shoestrings away from me even if you're not and all kinds of stuff. I was a barefoot because I had steel-toed combat boots on, which is unusual for me.

JEWEL: I would love to have seen you. You got your little badges there, don't you?

RAINBO: Yeah, I got my red and blue badges. They're my mentos. The red one means I'm queer, gay, whatever you want to call me.

JEWEL: That's what they give you when you go on to.

RAINBO: As some of the inmates passed by me and said, oh, look at the faggots. Look at the faggots.

JEWEL: Yes, they do. They banned you so that everybody there knows that you're gay.

RAINBO: Sort of like 1940.

JEWEL: Exactly. They gave triangles--

RAINBO: [? Cute ?] triangles. They gave yellow badges--

JEWEL: Yellow stars.

RAINBO: --out of the jailhouse.

JEWEL: And they took you up to the ninth floor, which is the floor where they keep--

RAINBO: I'm not sure what floor I was on.

JEWEL: --their gay people on.

RAINBO: I was in was such a mental state. I didn't even know what--

JEWEL: If you acknowledged you were gay that's where they took it.

RAINBO: Oh, dear. Well, it was-- I will say this, the jailers there were kind of nice to me. I had no--

JEWEL: I found that in my experiences that the jailers were pretty much empathetic for my situation. But they didn't offer to help any. They were empathetic.

RAINBO: The courtroom was another joke. I could not believe it. See that you don't receive any hygienic type of facilities keep you clean--

JEWEL: For 24 hours.

RAINBO: --for keep you cleaning or something like that like soap or anything like that. And so the court room stunk to high heaven.

JEWEL: All these brute men down there.

RAINBO: So, I mean, it was body sweat. And so what the police officer did, which I thought was humiliating, was to go down the aisle of the courtroom spraying everybody with lysol. I thought, god, this is ridiculous.

JEWEL: And that sounds like [INAUDIBLE].

RAINBO: Do you know what lysol smells like?

JEWEL: Yeah. That sounds like Nazi Germany too. So--

RAINBO: I asked for a breathalyzer, blood test, urine test, anything just to keep from going. And they did not want to.

JEWEL: But you are not going to settle. You're not going to let this go. You're not going to pay the \$75 fine.

RAINBO: I will never plead guilty.

JEWEL: OK. And I saw that in the back of on the very back page of *The Voice* that the people from the Triangle addressed that and they're offering legal help to people who were there that evening because they feel that this was an unjust incident and that no one there was justly arrested.

RAINBO: Right. I can't go into all the details about that because the lawyer told us to keep quiet about that.

JEWEL: Told you to take the fifth.

RAINBO: Well, just not talk about that. Talk about--

JEWEL: Right.

RAINBO: --because we're going to-- we got a good lawyer.

JEWEL: We're good. And so if you happen to be listening or know someone out there that was involved in this, you might tell them that the Triangle is offering legal advice. I'm not sure about the depth of that legal assistance, but they are offering some legal assistance. You can get a hold of them at the Triangle, which was where you were at when you were arrested.

RAINBO: And I plan to talk. I get three minutes before city council--

JEWEL: Good.

RAINBO: --this Tuesday.

JEWEL: Good. I'm going to watch it on TV. Suddenly I've gotten the municipal channel who is the city council meetings. And I've also gotten access Houston. I saw Ray Hill on it last week. So I'm really tickled.

RAINBO: Ray Hill's very much involved in this too.

JEWEL: Right. And he was here two weeks ago. Michael said talking about this very issue about being harassed in our community again. What's going on?

RAINBO: That's what public intoxication is on.

JEWEL: Suddenly though. See, this hadn't been going on for a long, long time. They haven't been doing this kind of thing organized. I mean, yes, cops have walked into bars and arrested people, but not this organized screaming up to a place and jumping out in their SWAT-like little-- they did QTs with their faces covered or this little sting that they did at the-- they haven't done that in a long, long time.

RAINBO: And the cops said that at the processing.

JEWEL: And we are really-- I was thinking how secure I have felt in the knowledge that that's not going on anymore and, boom, here it is going. So if you are old enough to vote, and I know that a lot of you out there are, I would suggest-- yes, old enough to vote and registered-- I would suggest that we either write or call the people in your city council, your mayor and your chief of police, who rumor has it is going to be looking for a job soon.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes.

[CHUCKLES]

JEWEL: And--

[CHUCKLES]

RAINBO: That was Jimmy.

JEWEL: I know of a few that he could do they're still looking for honey wagon drivers in Germany. And I know that they would take almost anybody. So if you're old enough to vote, say so, write, or call one of these people and tell them that you are displeased with this. Why is it after all this time that suddenly that we've been seeing a rash of incidences in our community again that are-- specifically, when have you heard of a straight bar raided? When? When have you heard of a straight bar raided?

RAINBO: Not very many. And when they do the PI type thing, they go take sections of town and just sweep that section, then they sweep another section, and it's all to make money for the city.

JEWEL: Right, the \$75 because somebody doesn't want to complain.

RAINBO: Is what they ask you in court. The DA asks you in court, do you want to plead guilty, not guilty, or no contest? Now, if you plead guilty, you'll pay like \$75 and you get out real quick. Nobody really wants that. But I already made a decision. I'm going to fight this thing.

JEWEL: Good.

RAINBO: And that's why-- in the past, Jewel, I've always been an advocate for the police. I've always spoke up for the police when--

JEWEL: I know you have. And that's why it was so odd to hear you were there.

RAINBO: That's so odd even with the bar owners and bartenders that I've talked to. They said I'm the [INAUDIBLE].

JEWEL: I know. It's a matter of fact, we were talking a minute ago about the baseball game you'll be at tomorrow.

RAINBO: Softball game.

JEWEL: Softball game you'll be at tomorrow.

RAINBO: Memorial Park 1.

JEWEL: And you'll be taking on--

RAINBO: The fire department.

[LAUGHTER]

JEWEL: But it has been the police department in the past, hasn't it?

RAINBO: What?

JEWEL: That the softball game.

RAINBO: Oh, this has been years ago. I think they played years, like, 10 years ago.

JEWEL: 10 years ago.

RAINBO: [INAUDIBLE] the police and the fire department.

JEWEL: Yeah, so--

RAINBO: I would love to place the-- I would challenge the police department.

JEWEL: Yeah, yeah.

RAINBO: But I've always-- in fact, when I've been stopped before, I've always had fun with the cops when they arrest.

JEWEL: Sure, I mean if I were stopped in that-- I'm in a tutu.

RAINBO: I might be in a dress, I might be just a regular old guy. But I always respected them and everything. But when they just came in and dragged me and gang busters, I couldn't believe it. It was a whole different--

JEWEL: Like you were like a murder.

RAINBO: It was a nightmare.

JEWEL: Yeah, like a drug bust or something.

RAINBO: I knew it was a different world.

JEWEL: Well, while I've got you here, I just wanted to discuss that we did get your firsthand account of what happened. While I've got you here, you did say you were going to be playing the fireman tomorrow. And what time will that be?

RAINBO: 12 o'clock to 5:00 they're going to be playing at Memorial Park 1.

JEWEL: And they'll be playing the Montrose Softball.

RAINBO: The Houston Fire Department teams will be playing the Montrose Softball League, yeah.

JEWEL: Yeah, OK.

RAINBO: It's going to be fun.

JEWEL: And you wanted to also mention something going on BRB Christmas in July--

RAINBO: Yeah, I think it's--

JEWEL: --Sunday.

RAINBO: --all day, almost all day long. I don't know what time. But after I play ball, I'm going to do a number. Guess what number I'm going to do, girlfriends?

JEWEL: What?

RAINBO: By Bette Midler.

JEWEL: Oh, no.

RAINBO: Any day now I shall be released. A woman needs protection.

[LAUGHTER]

JEWEL: Well, I really appreciate you being down here in Rainbo. And I appreciate you being down here.

RAINBO: I'm glad to be out. I'm glad to be a free person.

JEWEL: Really. Even when you're not on the radio, we appreciate you're down here. And you often are down here just sitting out here talking and teasing with us. Yes, so we enjoy your company. And I want you to know--

RAINBO: I enjoy you guys, too.

JEWEL: I am such a big fan of yours. I really am.

RAINBO: I'm fan of yours, girlfriend. I love you to death, and especially there's a good guy named Jimmy over here.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh.

JEWEL: Oh, yeah. As a matter of fact--

RAINBO: By the way, did you hear that song that I gave you? Do you have that with you tonight? I'm a real policeman. Oh, yes, I am.

JIMMY CARPER: [INAUDIBLE] tonight.

RAINBO: You're arrested. You're arrested.

JEWEL: Oh, yeah, I remember hearing that. I remember hearing that on that collection we did just recently, was it? I remember. Yes, I loved it.

RAINBO: I gave that song to him.

JEWEL: Speaking of Jimmy, I'm going to let him have the radio-- the air time here for his QMC tonight. And he's got a stacker, queer music stacker disk you're not going to believe tonight.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes, we've got some new music coming up, music you haven't heard here on *After Hours* before. And so in just a couple of minutes, we'll be coming up with that. QMZ, the Queer Music Zone.

JEWEL: Yes, and in the meantime, we're going-- you got something ready? OK, in the meantime, we've got something ready.

[CHUCKLES]

[MUSIC PLAYING]

BRENDA: Hi, I'm Brenda.

TRADAY And I'm Traday Shardon. And we're diverse house, the messages of love and peace. And we'd like to say, please, let's stop the violence. The violence between treat each other, before we can change the world views about us, we must make a change between ourselves. Could that be racism, homophobia, heterophobia, and prejudice against our own, especially our family then. If you know the [INAUDIBLE], after all, thanks to them, we have Stonewall. Just love yourself and a lot of love will shower around you. And remember, support your local community activity. This is 90.1 KPFT, *After Hours*. Without you, there would be no us.