

HOST 1: But he's riding in his little car and the thing is they're going to give you coins. They're going to give you chocolate coins now in the cereal. Meaning that we've got Sonny the Cuckoo Bird for a president and I thought--

HOST 2: Giving you your tax rebate, your tax cut.

[LAUGHTER]

HOST 1: And to give you gold chocolate coins back in your cereal. I said, they are making a statement. This commercial is not going to live. It's hilarious. It's like the votes are in. Sonny the Cuckoo Bird. But Sonny, it's just so fitting.

HOST 3: I would say that gold chocolate coins is about what George is worth, but that would be an insult to the chocolate.

[LAUGHTER]

HOST 1: But I mean they even show the poor little elephant and the donkey on the sidelines looking at each other, going, how did this happen.

HOST 2: I'll put a leash on my-- spout my ranting lately because I've been getting people calling me conspiracy nut, because I think that there's more afoot here than we are keyed into right now. And whatever that is kind of frightens me. It truly does. It wouldn't be very hard in the position things are at right now for everything we know to change, everything that we've held valuable and dear to us to change rather quickly. And that kind of scares me. I wasn't one of these people who run around with my bearing well, I am digging-- I guess maybe I am.

HOST 1: A revelation.

HOST 2: I wasn't one of those people running around digging bomb shelters and I thought, well, I guess I really am digging a bomb shelter.

[LAUGHTER]

HOST 4: Oh wait, you just left. You just got to [INAUDIBLE] level. What are you doing?

[LAUGHTER]

HOST 2: I tell everybody on the net all the time that I'm digging my-- I'm only inches away. Gosh, this is happening. And I'm still inches away from [INAUDIBLE]. The Supreme Court gave the election to George Bush. Damn, I'm only inches away from finishing my bomb shelter. I need it.

HOST 4: Yeah. So you guys got a sink trailer grounded into the ground and--

HOST 2: Pretty much. Pretty much. That's what I--

HOST 4: With breathing holes at the top?

HOST 1: And this just in, hot off the presses as--

HOST 2: I think we're already handicapping the 2004 presidential election. This is off the Associated Press yesterday. No, two days ago. President-elect Bush hasn't even taken off from the office but the odds maker are already talking about his re-election chances, which are zip.

HOST 1: Off with his head.

HOST 2: According to the Las Vegas Line, Bush is 2 to 1 favorite to win reelection. Oh no. Outgoing VP Gore is second at 6 to 1. And pro wrestling turned Minnesota governor is 20-to-1 long shot. I'd vote for him. I would vote for him.

HOST 4: In a New York minute, I would so vote for that man.

HOST 3: Jesse "The Body"?

HOST 2: OK. What are the chances of another president? Clinton Hillary Rodham Clinton has 18 to 1 odds of being elected, and the real dark horse is actress Susan Sarandon in 1,000 to 1.

[LAUGHTER]

Of course, handicapped in the presidential race is for fun. It's illegal to bet on politics in any way.

[LAUGHTER]

HOST 1: Void in Tennessee.

[LAUGHTER]

HOST 4: One thing about Susan Sarandon for president, her slogan would have to be dammit, Janet.

HOST 2: Dammit, Janet.

[LAUGHTER]

HOST 3: That would be great.

HOST 2: Oh, that would be wonderful, God. And you know she is a very politically hip person.

HOST 3: Yes, she is.

HOST 2: Very politically hip. And right on the money with a lot of things. And puts her money and her energy and her time where her mouth is too. Just like to have a little of that mouth once or twice.

[LAUGHTER]

HOST 4: Tell me.

HOST 2: I'm telling you.

HOST 4: Tell me.

HOST 1: And the odds of that are?

[LAUGHTER]

HOST 2: 5 million to 1

HOST 4: Yeah. I think I can win the lottery before that would happen.

HOST 2: If I was the last woman on Earth.

[LAUGHTER]

HOST 4: She'd have to blow up your gasoline truck.

HOST 2: That's right. That's right.

[LAUGHTER]

But it's time for us to let you know-- it's time for us to get more politically hip. We've got to get involved. And not just sitting back bitching. We've got to do things. I am attending my first Democratic Party meeting Monday night. I'm doing it.

HOST 4: Speaking of political crap, I got in the mail the other day this card thanking me from the Republican committee.

[LAUGHTER]

I said, have they not been paying attention?

HOST 2: I sent mine back. It said kiss my ass on it. I wrote big red letters "kiss my ass" and sent it back.

HOST 1: Not at this address.

HOST 2: That's right.

HOST 3: It's like, God.

HOST 2: I've been reading on the net a lot of people are getting that stuff, they don't know where it's coming from. Somebody the other day I think on the Michael Moore web page said something about if you ever logged on to any GOP place just to read what was going on or to get some news or something, you might have been registered, and that's what you got for sticking your nose in a GOP.

HOST 4: No.

HOST 1: They could have sent us a Frisbee or something.

HOST 3: Hell, why would I need that?

HOST 2: Yeah, [INAUDIBLE] George Bush. I can't wait till the real jokes start in about a month about Dick and Bush.

[LAUGHTER]

HOST 1: I know. Nobody gets--

HOST 3: --started about a month, and now we have a Dick and a Bush in the White House.

HOST 2: Oh, David Letterman is going to eat that up. You know how subtle he is. He is going to eat that up. Conan O'Brien was doing his farewell, and he always has the Clinton up there saying goodbye to Clinton. And Clinton was telling them, you know, I carried this show. With what I did in the White House, I carried you. You wouldn't have had a joke left.

[LAUGHTER]

And Conan O'Brien sort of looks and says, but look how bright my future is now.

[LAUGHTER]

HOST 1: Oh God. They are going to love this president, the comedy comedian. We are going to be prime. Of all the things that we're going to lose, we're going to get one great four years of comedy. [LAUGHS]

HOST 4: Yeah, we will. And we could probably get Otis Maclay. But just starting to look president in action again.

HOST 2: Oh yeah.

HOST 3: There is something else that I dearly love. I saw Clinton making some speech somewhere, whatever. And what I love about the fact that he knew he was on his way out during the last few weeks and he hasn't felt any-- he hasn't been bothered at all at mouthing off at every chance he gets.

HOST 1: Well, he's not really leaving.

HOST 2: This is the most power he's had this last two weeks. I'm quitting. You can't do anything about what I'm doing.

HOST 1: And he's moving like right down the block. He's going to be living right down the block, watching.

HOST 2: I'm going to be watching out my front window. My kitchen table is going to be looking right down in your--

[LAUGHTER]

HOST 1: So he's still going to be a public figurehead in Washington. They're still going to follow him around. He's still going to have Secret Service.

HOST 2: Well, you know what? If the polls are true, which I'm not really convinced the polls are true-- there was a time when I was naive. I believed a lot of stuff I don't believe today. If the polls are true, which like I said, I don't believe they are, he would be re-elected tomorrow.

HOST 3: I really-- Yeah.

HOST 2: He would have beaten Bush tomorrow.

HOST 1: Oh yeah.

HOST 4: Yeah.

HOST 1: He would have--

HOST 2: But no one trusts him. The polls say no one trusts him. Is this not a paradox? No one trusts him but he would be re-elected tomorrow.

HOST 4: Well, we're going to have-- they're going to be the worst speeches in presidential history, I think. The next four years will bring about the worst speeches in presidential history. Because the man does not speak well at all. And the thing about--

HOST 1: And he has a clammy handshake.

HOST 4: And the thing about Clinton--

HOST 2: It's not just the words he uses. It's not just his diction. He doesn't--

HOST 3: Yeah.

[LAUGHTER]

HOST 2: I'm sorry.

HOST 4: There's that word again.

HOST 2: Diction.

HOST 4: Yeah.

HOST 2: He doesn't speak well at all.

HOST 4: And that's the thing about Clinton is every speech he gave, I was just like I believed everything he said. It was like, Oh my God. That's the man can speak, that's for sure.

HOST 2: Who was it did that great comedy about bending over-- Damon Wayans did that great comedy about how the president had grabbed you by the hips and bent you over.

[LAUGHTER]

And he sits there humping the air, talking about, and this is for you too, this tax cut that's going to really cost you \$20 billion, this is for you too.

HOST 1: And the visual is Joe has each hand on her hips, thrusting and grinding forward. Jimmy's going nuts in there.

HOST 3: Jimmy's going nuts in there.

HOST 2: Oh, hurry, quick. Hurry, quick. Hurry.

HOST 4: Beats me. OK. Hold on.

HOST 2: It's not fire.

HOST 1: It's the distress.

HOST 2: Must be something else. Listen, are we going to talk to John? Is that what you're trying to do? Five minutes, forget John. No. No. I didn't mean for--

HOST 1: John wants to--

HOST 2: We're on hold here to see what's going on in there.

HOST 1: --talk about--

HOST 2: We'll talk about the inauguration and the parade. Oh man, I was so sick about today, I couldn't even watch a minute of it.

HOST 1: Jimmy is wearing black in mourning.

HOST 2: I'm wearing that black too.

HOST 4: I'm so dang glad I was at work while that was all going on.

HOST 2: I couldn't watch a minute of it.

HOST 4: Because there's not an ice berg's chance in heck of me watching it. Although I probably would have been entertained by the protest party.

HOST 2: You probably didn't see a lot of that with all the corporate media out there or Bush lovers.

HOST 4: And you know, we're getting upset about people who throw eggs at stuff.

HOST 2: Seeing all the conservative papers saying, oh, the media was all pro Gore, all pro Gore, well, yesterday one of the media-- real objective, middle of the road kind of media watchdogs-- listed the number of stories between October and December 30 for each candidate. Gore had 214, and Bush had 246. So how could they sit there and say that Bush-- I mean, they were all leaning for Gore if he got more press time, he got more stories, he got more, you know, that didn't happen. What is going on?

HOST 3: I need to break in here and let that, first of all, you're listening to *After Hours* on KPFT, Houston and KEOS College Station. This is Queer Radio with Attitude. And that to the two people who have been calling in, we have to phone systems in this building. And if you answer on one phone system, we cannot transfer it to the other, which means that we weren't able to put those two calls on the air because we answered them on the wrong system.

HOST 4: Right.

HOST 1: So call back.

HOST 3: Yes. That's what we're hoping they both do.

HOST 1: We're not as technical as we sound.

HOST 2: We'd like to hear what you got to say about the inauguration.

HOST 3: Hello.

BUDDY Hey.

JOHNSTON:

HOST 1: Hey. Who are you?

[LAUGHTER]

BUDDY I was calling to find out where all the Dick and Bush was. I heard you talking about--

JOHNSTON:

[LAUGHTER]

You're talking about my two favorite boys in Washington, DC.

[LAUGHTER]

HOST 3: You know who this is, don't you?

BUDDY Huh?

JOHNSTON:

HOST 2: No.

HOST 3: This is Buddy Johnston.

HOST 2: I was thinking you sound like Buddy.

BUDDY Yes.

JOHNSTON:

HOST 4: Hi, Buddy.

[LAUGHTER]

BUDDY Hey, kids. How are you doing?

JOHNSTON:

HOST 4: Great.

HOST 2: Pretty good. I'm so proud you're listening to us.

BUDDY God, I love listening to you guys on the web.

JOHNSTON:

HOST 4: You do? Do you do it on the split rock or just the regular?

BUDDY I don't know what I do it on.

JOHNSTON:

[LAUGHTER]

HOST 1: On anything available.

BUDDY I do it on the www.

JOHNSTON:

HOST 4: Oh, OK. Www.kpft.org.

BUDDY Whatever it is kpft.org.

JOHNSTON:

HOST 4: That's the one.

BUDDY There you are.

JOHNSTON:

HOST 4: Yeah.

BUDDY Hey, Timmy.

JOHNSON:

HOST 4: Yes?

BUDDY Didn't we do Bush already?

JOHNSTON:

[LAUGHTER]

HOST 2: Yeah, we did this Bush thing.

HOST 3: Everybody did Bush.

BUDDY I woke up this morning at 9 o'clock and he was president, I went back to bed.

JOHNSTON:

[LAUGHTER]

Yeah.

HOST 1: It wasn't a dream.

BUDDY But I'll tell you what.

JOHNSTON:

HOST 3: What?

BUDDY I'll tell you what.

JOHNSTON:

HOST 2: What?

BUDDY The sex will me much better under the Republicans. Because the more they tell people not to do it, don't do that,
JOHNSTON: don't do that, everybody is going to be doing it. So just get ready for some great sex under Bush and what's his name?

HOST 2: Dick and Bush.

BUDDY Anyway, when's the marathon?
JOHNSTON:

HOST 3: Starts January the 25th.

BUDDY Uh-oh.
JOHNSTON:

HOST 3: Yes.

BUDDY I've got something very, very special that I'll be calling you about.
JOHNSTON:

HOST 3: Oh?

BUDDY --for a premium. So get ready for that.
JOHNSTON:

HOST 3: Oh, that'd be great.

BUDDY How have you been?
JOHNSTON:

HOST 4: Yeah.

BUDDY I'm doing all right.
JOHNSTON:

HOST 3: What's doing all right mean?

BUDDY [LAUGHS] Well, I work for a little internet company and we got bought by some little company called Sega.
JOHNSTON:

HOST 3: Oh.

BUDDY Sega.
JOHNSTON:

HOST 3: Sega.

HOST 4: Sega.

BUDDY So life is good.
JOHNSTON:

HOST 3: Yeah, I guess so.

BUDDY
JOHNSTON: It's 110 degrees in this-- No, I'm kidding. The weather's here is gorgeous. But I mean, I put brand new batteries in my megaphone today. I'm waiting to see when the next protest is going to be.

[LAUGHTER]

HOST 4: I know. This is the era for you, honey.

BUDDY
JOHNSTON: Isn't this great?

HOST 3: Yes. It's like you've been in hibernation for eight years.

BUDDY
JOHNSTON: I've been waiting for something to happen. Now these Queens are waking up walking down the street going, what happened? Where's Bill? It's like, he left.

HOST 4: Yeah. He's gone, honey.

HOST 2: Yeah. He didn't let the door hit him on the ass on the way out.

HOST 3: The entertainment continues.

BUDDY
JOHNSTON: I just wanted to call up and say you guys are doing a great job.

HOST 4: Thank you.

BUDDY
JOHNSTON: I've got something very, very special for you for Marathon that I'll be telling you about next time, so get your dollars ready.

HOST 4: That's right.

BUDDY
JOHNSTON: I'll be calling to make some pledges.

HOST 4: Good.

HOST 3: Thank you.

BUDDY
JOHNSTON: Can you play a song for me?

HOST 4: I'll tell you what I've got cued up already.

BUDDY
JOHNSTON: Oh go for it.

HOST 4: I've got R&B with Be Political, Not Polite.

BUDDY Hey, I like that one.
JOHNSTON:

HOST 4: I figured you might.

HOST 1: Well, that was the choice that you made.

HOST 4: I figured you might.

BUDDY All right. Well, Jimmy, can you say that thing that we used to say?
JOHNSTON:

HOST 4: Yes.

BUDDY Because we can't talk about the president, you know, bushy as he is. And don't worry, it's going to be funny stuff.
JOHNSTON: I mean, we're talking Dan Quayle funny.

HOST 4: Yeah.

HOST 2: Dan Quayle funny.

BUDDY I emailed his campaign this morning. I emailed the White House this morning. I said, put lots of big words in his
JOHNSTON: speeches--

[LAUGHTER]

--and invite lots of dignitaries. Lots and lots of dignitaries, those foreigners with big, long name.

HOST 2: Big, long names, that's right.

BUDDY Hello, Mr. President Bush, this is Ambassador [GIBBERISH]. You guys, poor Bush will just fall on his face. It'll be
JOHNSTON: fun.

HOST 2: Yes, it will be fun.

BUDDY But I'm glad to hear you had a big protest in Houston.
JOHNSTON:

HOST 4: Yes, we did.

HOST 2: A large turnout.

HOST 4: How did you do in San Francisco?

BUDDY I've been in the house all day. I am afraid to go outside.
JOHNSTON:

[LAUGHTER]

HOST 4: That's scary.

BUDDY I see the big Bush circling over the city.
JOHNSTON:

HOST 4: I see.

HOST 3: Well, I dressed in black.

BUDDY And the city's gone nuts. Willie Browns had a kid.
JOHNSTON:

HOST 2: Yeah. I heard that--

BUDDY Jesse Jackson had a kid. Everybody's having a kid.
JOHNSTON:

HOST 4: What's the deal? Yeah.

BUDDY I don't know. I could tell you a story but I won't. Anyway--
JOHNSTON:

HOST 2: Hey, tell me Ashcroft had a kid.

HOST 3: Gotcha. Be political, not polite.

HOST 2: Tell me Ashcroft had a kid. I That's what I want to hear.

BUDDY Ashcroft. I know there's a joke there somewhere, I just don't think FCC will let me tell you. Anyway, this is
JOHNSTON: Romanovsky and Phillips and Be Political, Not Correct, and you're listening to it on *After Hours* here at KPFT 90.1 FM where we're here--

HOST 4: And we're queer.

BUDDY I love you, baby.
JOHNSTON:

HOST 4: Take care, baby.

BUDDY Got something special for you. Stay tuned.
JOHNSTON:

HOST 4: OK.

BUDDY Bye
JOHNSTON:

HOST 4: Bye.

HOST 3: That's Buddy. That's Buddy. So we'll be-- Wait a minute. Come again? We got another guy in line two? Do we want to take him first?

HOST 2: Is it John?

HOST 3: I don't know.

HOST 2: Is that John?

HOST 4: OK. Let's take him first. Hello.

JOHN: Hello

HOST 4: Hello. John. Your name is John?

JOHN: That's me.

HOST 4: Welcome to *After Hours*.

JOHN: How are you all doing?

HOST 4: OK.

JOHN: Y'all having a good time tonight?

HOST 4: Yes.

JOHN: My big question is, and I'll be very upfront, I'm a Republican.

HOST 4: So is my husband.

[LAUGHTER]

I'm not kidding.

HOST 2: That was funny.

HOST 4: I'm not kidding.

HOST 1: So go ahead, John.

JOHN: What I'm wondering is, now I am not gay. And nothing against [INAUDIBLE]. In fact, here's my problem.

HOST 4: OK.

JOHN: If someone is gay, that's fine.

HOST 4: Mm-hmm

JOHN: Why does that have to be an issue?

HOST 2: We don't make the issue, sir.

JOHN: No

HOST 2: No. We only defend the issue.

JOHN: Well, no, I would beg to differ. A lot of times, gays do make it-- they do say, or--

HOST 4: We just want the same-- I'll tell you what. We just want the same rights that you have.

JOHN: Right. Exactly. Exactly.

HOST 4: But we don't have them.

JOHN: Here's the deal. Here's the deal though.

HOST 4: Yes?

JOHN: Why does it have to be, and I feel, this is what I feel. I feel sometimes like I'm contradicting myself or putting myself in a bad position by going, OK, you're gay. Why do you need rights? You don't need rights because you're gay.

HOST 4: I need rights--

JOHN: No, no, no, no, no. Listen. Let me--

HOST 4: OK. OK. I'll let you talk. You need rights because you're a human being. You need rights because you're an individual. There should be absolutely zero, zero compensation because you say, I like to sleep with the same sex, or I like to sleep with an animal, or-- I'm not saying you, I'm just saying anyone.

HOST 1: No, that's me.

JOHN: I'm taking to the extreme here. There should be zero compensation for that. Nobody gets rights or gets privileges because of their sexual orientation.

HOST 1: You're correct, sir.

HOST 4: You are correct.

HOST 1: Many of us agree with you.

JOHN: Let me just finish this and I will let you all talk too. I mean, it's your show. But let me just say this, that it's just-- the thing is, is that in my experience, and maybe I have been tainted by the media which Lord knows taints shit, but you know what? If you want to sleep with a muffin, I don't care. But I do not, I do not need to give you rights because of that. What you deserve rights for is because you are an individual, you are a human being, and do not, do not say, I sleep with this, that, or the other ergo I need rights.

HOST 4: I've never said that.

HOST 1: John, are you a married man?

HOST 4: The problem is, John, is that we are fired because we are gay.

HOST 1: Our rights aren't protected as enthusiastically--

HOST 4: We are kicked out of our apartments because we are gay. That is the reason that we are fired. And it is perfectly legal to do so. And so what we're saying is this is not right. You're not fired just because you're straight.

HOST 1: Are you a married man, John?

JOHN: You're right. Hello?

HOST 1: Yes? Are you married?

JOHN: No, I dropped my phone. Yes, I'm married and I have a small child.

HOST 1: OK. If you are walking in the mall with your wife and you decide to take her hand, you have no thought about that. When a gay couple is walking through the mall, they're risking their lives by holding hands, showing affection, picking out a piece of furniture. You're right. It shouldn't make a difference. But it does. So if you really want to help out, it doesn't matter, come to the parades, come to the protests. It doesn't matter what you are. It's your support.

JOHN: You're right. You're right. And what I'm saying, though, is when you say come to the parades, I don't need to go celebrate somebody being gay. I don't care if someone-- no, no, no.

HOST 1: We're celebrating our unity as humans.

JOHN: Well, but you're not. See, that's the thing. And I've listened to your show. I play in a band and I come home late at night, and I listen to your show quite a bit. And I always get a joy out of it. It cracks me up. You guys are very funny. But you guys, it's just like-- I can't even express to you what I've experienced. I mean, because there's not enough airwaves to do it. But I mean, it's almost like get over it, quit-- why are you pushing-- I mean, for instance, the whole show right now is pushing the fact that people are gay.

HOST 4: Yes.

HOST 1: Well, it's a gay show.

JOHN: The thing is, get over it. I don't go to an employer, for instance, and say, hello, my name is John, and I would like to apply for a job, and I am a heterosexual.

HOST 4: You do that when you put the picture of your wife on your desk.

HOST 1: But you put a picture--

JOHN: But I don't put a wife-- or my picture of wife-- I mean, that has nothing to do with it. And I--

HOST 4: No, that's flaunting your sexuality.

JOHN: And let me tell you something, I'm an actor. I mean, I'm an actor as a profession. That's what I do. And I am in a business that as you well know is totally-- this is not something that is foreign to me. And I work in production. And I work with gay people. And you know what? The thing that kills me is we joke, and we have fun about it, and we make my people this and my people, and it's all fun. But the point is to me-- and this is what I don't understand. And maybe I'm some revolutionary [INAUDIBLE] that maybe is the cusp of something, but what if it's to me--

HOST 4: Yes? Hello?

JOHN: Hello? Can you hear me?

HOST 4: We can now.

JOHN: OK. I'm sorry. I'm on a cell phone.

HOST 4: Oh.

JOHN: To me, the deal is if it's that big a deal, let's not bring it out. I'm not saying hide it. I'm not saying you should hide it. There's nothing to hide. What I'm saying is don't bring it out.

HOST 4: You know, John?

JOHN: Sexuality is your own business, and it's nobody's business but your own.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

HOST 4: I wish it was. What I've always said on this show is that I'm going to go out in the streets and scream about being gay until I don't have to. And when I don't have to is when I don't have to worry about being fired from my job because I am gay or getting a baseball bat in the head because I am gay and for no other reason.

JOHN: And listen. Let me tell you something. There is absolutely no excuse for anything that requires a baseball bat to the head.

HOST 4: I understand that.

JOHN: And I do not believe in that. But I also wholeheartedly don't believe there is no reason for anybody to go in the street and go, I am gay, goddammit, accept it. Because you know what? Nobody is forced to accept it. You don't have to accept that I'm a heterosexual. You don't have to do that. But the point is, is that it's not your business. It's not my business if I don't want to accept you.

Now I will agree that it is wrong for somebody to be fired, it is wrong for somebody to be put against the wall as it were because of their sexual orientation. But I will say this adamantly, that it's absolutely nobody's business and the problem is--

HOST 4: How do you think it's going to go away unless we are in the streets?

JOHN: I'll tell you how it's going to go away. Quit yelling about it.

HOST 4: Oh, that's right.

JOHN: No, no, no, no, no.

HOST 4: No, no, no. Just go off in the corner, and then we'll treat you OK. Well, you know, we've tried that, and it doesn't work. It does not work. And I'm tired of people dying because they are gay or lesbian or bisexual or transgender. And I'm going to go out in the street and bitch and carry on and until somebody changes the law.

JOHN: All right. Let me ask you this. What is the law?

HOST 4: The law is that it is against the law to be gay. That's what it basically is.

JOHN: Wrong. It is not against the law to be gay.

HOST 4: What is it?

JOHN: It's against the law to fire somebody for their sexual orientation.

HOST 4: No, it is not against the law to fire someone. There is no law to fire anyone for their sexual orientation. None.

HOST 1: What they do is they get people on a morals clause. And see, we don't expect you to know--

JOHN: Let me ask you this. Let me ask you this.

HOST 1: OK.

JOHN: If you ran a business. If you ran a business. And I'm speaking totally hypothetically here.

HOST 1: I do run a business.

JOHN: I know you do. I mean, I don't know you do, I'm just saying. If you ran a business and you didn't like somebody because they were a--

HOST 4: Black or Jew?

JOHN: No. Christian right. And they worked for you, and they did not agree with your homosexuality, and they did not agree with anybody else that worked for you that was a homosexual, and it created the problem.

HOST 4: Yeah.

JOHN: Would you fire them? And if you did fire them, why would you fire them? Because they were against what you believed in as far as your sexual orientation, or would you fire them because it perhaps created a rift? And again, I'm speaking hypothetically, I'm not trying to create a scenario that is one way or the other.

HOST 3: OK. Yeah. One thing about that though is this, in a situation like that, OK, if it's causing a rift, it's causing problems at work, OK? That would be a reason put on the rule, on the discharge papers. You can't put down on the discharge papers that a person gets fired for being a fundamental Christian. That is protected under laws plus we would have Jay Sekulow in our city in five minutes. OK? If that was put down on someone's paperwork.

But it is perfectly acceptable to put down a person was fired for being gay. They have shown the discharge papers for several companies of the employee does not follow the company policy, employee was gay, that's why they fired them.

HOST 1: They have moral clauses.

HOST 2: Let's step back and look at something else here, something that I think you've overlooked, is that why would this person, this fundamental Christian, be making riff in the office? Why would a gay person be-- what were they doing that made this rift? Were they being just themselves, or were they trying to promote their religion and push the stuff down your throat and tell you that you've--

Because I've worked with fundamental Christians who I wanted to give every benefit I could, and all I got from them was pushed and shoved, ugly and trying to convert me at every minute I was around them. Now you don't find-- I have never met a homosexual who was trying to recruit somebody. I've never heard of it. I've never seen it. And it does not exist.

HOST 4: You don't have to.

HOST 2: We don't have to. We're born. We don't have to go out and recruit people.

HOST 1: You didn't get your toaster?

HOST 2: The thing is that the riff you're talking about because a fundamental Christian is making a disruption at the thing, well, that means that that person is doing something outside, something else. A gay person is being himself. That's it. That's all he is. It's like being Black.

JOHN: I did not mean to mislead you. What I was referring to is if, and we all know stereotypes.

HOST 4: Yeah.

JOHN: Somebody is gay. There's a stereotype.

HOST 2: Oh, really?

JOHN: No. No. Perhaps. If somebody is a Christian right, there is a stereotype. What I was referring to, and I may be offline here, and if I am, forgive me. I'm sorry. But what I was referring to is if you were in a position where there was a bunch of people, and again, I'm not saying it's right or wrong, I'm just presenting the scenario, if there was a bunch of people that were like, we were all Jews, or we were all Islam, and we have a Christian right in our ranks, it's not so much are they trying to convert us. I did not mean that.

HOST 3: Well, I mean, when you have a complex issue--

JOHN: And I don't go into my job and preach, you need to accept Jesus as your saviour.

HOST 2: But have you sat down to lunch with the gay guy? At work? Have you sat down to lunch with a gay guy?

JOHN: I have lunch with them all the time.

HOST 3: OK. Well, see, the difference is this. There are--

JOHN: And he knows I'm a Christian. He knows I'm a Republican.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

HOST 4: OK.

JOHN: We have witty banter about it all the time.

HOST 3: Yeah. There are different levels of Christian. And when we talk about Christian in here, we're not talking about a large portion of the Christians. I'll be honest. Because according to the fundamentalist Christian--

HOST 4: Most gays and lesbians in this country are Christian.

HOST 3: Identify as Christian.

HOST 2: Object of the light is to gather more-- who's object in life is to recruit other Christians. And look, the point, sir, is not about all of this stuff. These are just the details that really don't matter.

JOHN: Listen, you're absolutely right.

HOST 2: What matters is that the laws that exist-- you're right about we should not have special rights. I agree with you 100%. And I'll be right there screaming and yelling if that ever happens. But the difference is that the rights that you have and the rights that I have are not equally protected. They're not as vigorously protected.

JOHN: Here's the deal though. Here's the way I feel about it. You guys, listen. I love your show. And I enjoy listening to it. And like I said, I'm a Republican, but I certainly don't have any ill will about anybody's sexual orientation, because you know what? It's not my business. But here's the deal. Here's the way I feel. And you please comment--

HOST 4: Sure.

JOHN: --accordingly. If I, and if anybody, let me just tell you this to this your listeners, if anybody has never seen the movie *Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Sex* by Woody Allen, you really should do yourself a favor--

HOST 4: I agree.

JOHN: Absolutely a--

HOST 4: A funny, funny movie.

JOHN: --brilliant movie. A brilliant movie. But you know what? If I wanted to have sex with sheep, I would not, I would not, and maybe I have, but the point is-- No, I'm kidding.

[LAUGHTER]

HOST 3: That was funny.

HOST 2: Are you sure you're a Republican?

JOHN: Hey, man. You know, I don't know what I am. I'm confused. I'm confused.

[LAUGHTER]

HOST 1: Well, Monica was a cow.

JOHN: What I'm saying is my bottom line is--

HOST 4: Yeah.

JOHN: This is the way I feel, guys. And I can appreciate your effort and I appreciate your cause, but what I'm saying is you know what? And I'm not gay, so maybe I-- well, not maybe, I don't totally understand what you're going through, but what I'm saying is if you just quit--

HOST 1: It's not--

JOHN: If you just quit saying I'm gay and I need rights, don't do this, well, don't worry about if you're gay. Do your job, do what you can do, and don't-- Why is sexuality, why does that have to be an issue?

HOST 1: Well, because some people are sad.

HOST 2: We don't make it that issue. They do. They make it. We don't make it that issue. We try to keep our sexuality to ourselves like most people do. I don't go around parading my sexuality. I don't go around telling people I'm a lesbian. I'm a lesbian. Look at me, I'm a lesbian. Well, maybe once in a while.

[LAUGHTER]

Basically I don't do that. I just live my life. I don't say things to anybody. I don't talk about it to anybody. But people see me and they see my partner and they see us together and immediately they get upset. I've done nothing but walk into a room. What could I have done other than exist that bothered these people. It's just that I exist.

It's not what I've done. They have a basic tenet, a belief, and it doesn't matter what we do. It's not about the sex. It's about they don't want us here. And the sex is just an excuse how to-- And the recruitment thing and the pedophile thing and all the little things that they're always saying, you know, I've never known a gay pedophile. I've never known one to recruit. I've never known--

HOST 3: I looked up on the sex offenders website and looked in the Montrose area--

HOST 4: Yeah?

HOST 3: And there was a few in there that was a same sex that are listed as offenders in the Montrose area. The vast majority of them are straight men who were fooling around with prepubescent girls.

HOST 4: OK.

HOST 3: In the Montrose area.

HOST 4: We're going off our tangents here.

HOST 3: Yeah. But there's one thing I'll say. When we talk about special rights. OK. That's the extreme of where it goes to, and a lot of people in the conservative side saw the African-American movement go to special rights. Let me explain it to you this way. This is the way I try to explain it. Maybe it'll help, all right?

If you got married and you came home every day and you gave your wife a rose, it would be special that first day, that first week, those first two weeks. But after a while, it comes to be expected and it just becomes the normal practice of you giving something like that. And it was special in the beginning, but now it's not special because it's the norm.

And that's what we're looking for, is the fact that we're judged on sex. We are judged where our total existence is defined by what slot A, what tab A do we put in slot B. That comes down to basically what our existence is off of.

HOST 4: And we're so much more than that.

HOST 3: And we are. We go the vast tangent of them. I think I'm considered the most conservative group on this show.

HOST 4: You are. And I'm just your neighborhood Montrose fag.

HOST 3: OK.

HOST 4: But most of us, I mean, most of us don't live in the Montrose.

HOST 3: I drive 40 miles in from Copperfield to come down here and do a citizen's patrol and do this radio show.

JOHN: That's not an issue. I'm certainly not suggesting all gays living in Montrose.

HOST 3: No.

[LAUGHTER]

HOST 2: Well, if you could take away one thing, I just want you to think about this. It's not that we don't have these rights. We don't have them as protected as you do. That's the bottom line. We don't have them as vigorously protected as you do. We have a very far right wing judge sitting on a jury-- I mean, sitting in a courtroom, and he decides he doesn't like homosexuals. So he uses his prejudice to enact things in that courtroom that he wouldn't do to you because you're not a homosexual. Now is that right?

It's the same thing. You did the same thing. Both people did the same thing. But because one is a homosexual, the judge is going to be a little harder on that one. That's what the problem is. We're not as vigorously protected as you. Yes, if some-- the hate crimes, and ADA, and so there's some things out there that do offer us some protection, but all of them are not as vigorously protected as your rights are, and that's the bottom line. We want as vigorous a protection of our rights as you get. That's it. That's it. That's all of it.

JOHN: I would tell you this, and I cannot argue with that, and I certainly don't argue with that. But I will tell you this, and I will leave you with this thought, because I have rambled on long enough and I certainly appreciate you--

HOST 4: I have enjoyed-- I'm glad you called. I have enjoyed the opposite side.

JOHN: Please don't think the world has come to an end because George W. has come to office.

HOST 3: No, we don't.

JOHN: I can assure you that no matter what, the world will continue, and things will only get better. And only the best for us all. And I can assure you that to me, and this is what to me being a Republican is all about, and this is and this is something to that I will say I have a very hard time with. I am not with the religious right. Because to me Republican means being the government getting out of my business.

HOST 3: That's all we're asking for.

JOHN: And you know what? And this is the fallacy. And this is the fallacy that I will say to you. Do not be fooled. The liberals, and I say this and I'm speaking in a general sense, they are in your business. They want your business. And they are exploiting the fact.

Make no mistake. I mean, the liberals have exploited the Black vote forever. And they will. It is when individuals like you and me and like anybody else can just say, you know what, I've had enough. I don't need your bullshit. I don't need that crap. I do what I want to do because it is me, it is my life, and come the end, whether you believe in God or not, there's only one end.

HOST 3: Yes.

JOHN: And this is the only thing I have to answer to. Nothing else. And that is what I think we all should look to. And I will just say this, guys, and girls, keep the fight, hang in there, do what you can do, but just know that the ultimate-- And this is what, I guess, bums me out the most, is Republicans get a bad rap about this.

But the bottom line about a Republican, and I'm probably more of a libertarian than I am a Republican, but the bottom line is Republicans are for individual rights and state rights and not federal mandates and not let's make it this way for everybody.

And keep in mind we all don't think about this but the federal government every day takes a little bit more away from us. And I guarantee you it is manipulative and it is not in your best interest. Your best interest is in your rights and what you deserve and you deserve nothing but the best for you.

HOST 3: Thank you, John.

JOHN: And God bless you all.

HOST 4: And I want you to know something I said in the very beginning, and it really is true. I don't think you believed it then. I have been with my lover for 22 years, and he is a Republican.

JOHN: And let me tell you something. Let me just finish on this and I'll hang up, guys.

HOST 4: OK Yeah. Yeah. We got to get to the news and views.

JOHN: [INAUDIBLE]

HOST 4: Hello?

JOHN: Most damn Republicans do otherwise.

HOST 4: You're breaking up, John.

JOHN: OK. Well, guys, y'all take care.

HOST 4: OK. Thanks.

HOST 2: Thanks a lot.

JOHN: Thank you. Bye bye.

HOST 2: I feel good.

HOST 4: Yeah, I liked that.

HOST 2: If I hear that kind of Republican out there, that makes me feel good. I think all of them are carrying knives after me.

HOST 4: [LAUGHS]

HOST 2: And believe me, sometimes it gets overwhelming--

HOST 4: It does.

HOST 2: --to believe that there are a whole group of people that are against you. And it's nice to hear that not everyone in that group-- And you know, I put this thing on the net the other day about this breakfast meeting the other day.

HOST 4: Mm-hmm?

HOST 2: And you know, I got to thinking about the Republicans having this breakfast meeting celebrating getting Bush into office, the Log Cabin Republicans.

HOST 4: Yes. Yeah.

HOST 2: And I got to thinking about when I read that Alan Simpson was there and [INAUDIBLE]. Maybe that's not as bad a group as I thought they were. I mean, if they can get something going, if they can get some people starting, I mean, if they're cracking the ice, then maybe it's worth it to have these guys in the Republicans.

HOST 4: Yeah.

HOST 2: OK. I'll be here next month third weekend and I'm out of here.

HOST 4: Yeah. We got to get, because we got Charlie in there.

HOST 3: Yeah. The only thing I wanted to say is I spent Christmas dinner with a room full of Christians, and yes, Christians and gay people can actually get along.

HOST 4: Oh, yeah. It's something I wanted to jump in there with John was that looking through a list of gay organizations, there are more Christian organization-- more religious organizations for gay people than there are gay bars. Yes.

HOST 3: There's hope yet.

HOST 4: Yes. So we are spiritual. We do believe in our God.

HOST 3: In one form or another.

HOST 4: Yes. Yeah. We're not-- OK. Well, whatever. Anyway, it's time for *After Hours* News and Views with Big Roy and Chris. I have a couple of things I want to jump in here with though. But because this next Monday, which is the fourth Monday of the month, it's time for Queer Music Heritage with JD Doyle, and that will be heard on *Lesbian and Gay Voices* at the 9 o'clock hour.

He's got an hour of wonderful music coming up this month. It's a whole bunch of great stuff. I was listening to the CD today. Wow. Stuff I hadn't heard, stuff I don't want to hear ever again, you know. [LAUGHS] Listen in and you'll see what I mean. But that's *Lesbian and Gay Voices* heard every Monday night right here on KPFT, Houston, KEOS College Station. Actually not KEOS College Station, but KPFT right here 8 o'clock Monday night, 8:00 to 10:00, JD's every fourth Monday from 9:00 to 10:00.

And one more thing. No, I'll let them talk about it. So let's just get to the music. And I'm sorry I didn't get to Romanovsky and Phillips, maybe we can get to that later, sorry. Sorry, Buddy. But I really enjoyed that conversation with John. So now--

[MUSIC PLAYING]

Oh yes. It's time for *After Hours News and Views* with Big Roy and Chris. And before we get there, speaking of JD Doyle-- [LAUGHS]

I've got an email here. Audio File, the monthly music feature on *This Way Out, The International Gay and Lesbian Radio Magazine* is pleased to announce that JD Doyle of our Houston, our own JD Doyle, has joined their staff.

JD currently is host and producer of *Queer Music Heritage*, heard as part of the radio program *Lesbian and Gay Voices* which airs on KPFT in Houston, Audio File creator and co-producer Chris Wilson says, in addition to his regular show, he will be joining us this year as a co-producer of Audio File for *This Way Out*. With his unique perspective and passion for queer music, we are absolutely thrilled to have him as part of our production team. And I can tell you that probably no one else in this country knows queer music better than JD Doyle.

HOST 3: Oh, we always have fun with him.

HOST 4: Oh yes. Because he's here every fifth Saturday. When there's a fifth Saturday, we don't have co-hosts scheduled. So we try to make that a music show. Well, we try. And JD's always here. In fact, just a couple of weeks ago in the last show of December, he was here and we played our top favorites for 2000. That was really a lot of fun. I was listening to that tape today.

HOST 3: And we always appreciate it when people that we invite come.

HOST 4: Yeah.

HOST 3: Actually show up for--

HOST 4: Yeah. That's really nice. OK. Go ahead, guys.

BIG ROY: All right. I'd like to welcome everyone to this week's edition of *After Hours News and Views*. As you already know, Chris is here. And you know, Chris, we actually got some phone calls that were very favorable to that last segment, the exchange of ideas.

CHRIS: Oh.

BIG ROY: It was a very lively exchange.

CHRIS: I jumped in on the end of that. But I had an experience of that a few weeks ago. Everyone was wondering what was going on. I kind of was hiding back in the production room and was having a beautiful debate with a conservative woman, and it was very entertaining, the back and forth part of it.

BIG ROY: Right.

CHRIS: And it's something that we don't really hear much of.

BIG ROY: And it's good to hear the opposing--

CHRIS: Yeah. Well, it's good to hear--