

DIANE Hey. And we're here, ladies and germs-- gentlemen. What's happening out there? What's happening up here?

WILLIAMS: We're here. Nothing? Nothing at all? We have guests.

JEWEL GRAY: I didn't say nothing.

DIANE We have guests. We have lots of fun stuff happening tonight. We still have that sweat-soaked towel to be given

WILLIAMS: away. Anybody? Anybody?

JEWEL GRAY: And a party for all of us.

DIANE And a party. If we get \$750, we're throwing a party. Just keep that in mind.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: Yeah. I mean--

DIANE There's a studio full of people here. And everyone is just so quiet all of a sudden. Everyone say hi.

WILLIAMS:

[ULULATING]

See what I mean? Go figure. You got to give them explicit directions.

JIMMY CARPER: Since I stopped smoking, I can do that.

DIANE Do it again. One, two three.

WILLIAMS:

[ULULATING]

That was great. Now, my contacts are shattered. Good, yeah. Yeah, that was pretty cool.

JEWEL GRAY: Well, I'm a little disappointed. He's in HOG, and--

DIANE Houston Outdoor Group needs to be here to tell fun things they do. But you know what? If they're not here--

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: Well, they're probably outside doing something.

DIANE Really, they are. Probably camping right now and can't make it.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: No, that was last weekend they went camping.

DIANE Oh, OK. Well, they'll come back. We'll talk to them later.

WILLIAMS:

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, Mary, they're camping.

DIANE Oh, you know they're camping.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: Can you imagine group camping?

DIANE What's on next weekend show? Do we know? Is the scoot man still here?

WILLIAMS:

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah.

JEWEL GRAY: Yeah.

DIANE Is he?

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: Yeah.

DIANE What's on the show? Tell us.

WILLIAMS:

JIMMY CARPER: It's going to be a short one because we have the time change.

DIANE That's right. Spring forward. Fall back.

WILLIAMS:

JIMMY CARPER: It's going to be a two-hour show.

DIANE Yeah. I know most of us are used to falling back a little bit more than we are springing forward. But we'll make it.

WILLIAMS: We'll have a good. time.

JEWEL GRAY: Look, we have a mutiny. Everybody's leaving. I love this little--

DIANE Ahh, we can see everything. We know what you're doing, so stop it.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: So stop it.

DIANE So we have some songs, too. We've got lots and lots of CDs here. Listen, listen.

WILLIAMS:

[CDS THUMPING]

Those are CD noises.

JEWEL GRAY: Are we going to talk to Bonnie?

DIANE Yes, we going to talk to Bonnie. But I'm not going to talk to Bonnie. You're going to talk to Bonnie. And you're not

WILLIAMS: over here right now, so come on over here. Introduce Bonnie and talk to Bonnie. Why don't you--

JEWEL GRAY: Bonnie's here.

CREW: Bonnie's our next guest.

DIANE Hi, Bonnie.

WILLIAMS:

BONNIE: Hi. I'm back.

[CLAPPING]

JEWEL GRAY: Bonnie's back. For those who listen, Bonnie was with us, last week? Three weeks ago.

BONNIE: Three weeks ago.

JEWEL GRAY: Three weeks ago. It's been four weeks. It was the end of the month.

BONNIE: That's right. It has been a whole month.

JEWEL GRAY: Yeah, it's been a whole month. Yeah, so Bonnie was with us last month talking about the--

BONNIE: Lesbian Teachers Network.

JEWEL GRAY: Lesbian Teachers Network. Somebody fix that mic. There you go. Make Bonnie talk in it this time.

BONNIE: All right. All right, all right.

JEWEL GRAY: OK. And you're going to tell us about-- you told us then about this group going on on Sunday.

BONNIE: Tomorrow, I'm making--

JEWEL GRAY: Panel discussion.

BONNIE: --final plug about our panel discussion with the women's group at the First Unitarian Church, tomorrow morning from 10:00 AM until noon, and is going to be at the First Unitarian Church at 5200 Fannin. And we would like for people to come out, whether or not they're members of Lesbian Teachers Network.

If they have any interest in homosexual issues and education from a student's aspect or from a teacher's aspect, we'd love to hear from them. And we'll have a few of our LTN members on the panel. And I'm sure it'll be quite a bit of open discussion on issues in education.

JEWEL GRAY: And the kind of issues that you expect to see there?

BONNIE: Homophobia in the classroom.

JEWEL GRAY: How would a kid in the back row-- how would that look to a kid in the back row? What would homophobia in the classroom look like to that kid in the back row? Have you ever experienced that or know someone who has? Reading a book where some child makes some remark about faggots or something?

Mark Twain, where the children in the back are chuckling because Tom and Huck are hunkered down in the mud on the Mississippi River? Are you talking about the kind of discrimination you get because you're a teacher in a school and you have principals? And-- OK.

DIANE Everything. She's shaking her head.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: I stumped her. I stumped her. It's all. Well, I was kind of looking for which direction you guys were going to take it in a kind of--

BONNIE: I don't exactly know at this point. I think it's just going to be--

JEWEL GRAY: So it's pretty open?

BONNIE: I believe so. There's some organization to it. But I think we're going to go cover that very topics, possibly discrimination in the workplace, and so forth.

JEWEL GRAY: And that would be other teachers not getting a promotion or the school you want? I always found that fascinating that teachers kind of move from school to school. Those kind of things? Because you're a lesbian, you get--

BONNIE: Yeah. And some faculties and some administrations are more open-minded than others.

JEWEL GRAY: It's each individual, principal--

BONNIE: Yeah. Campus.

JEWEL GRAY: --is kind of in charge of--

BONNIE: Usually, it's very site-specific, very campus-based.

JEWEL GRAY: And I'm hoping that the kind of discussions-- one of the discussions you'll have there is the kind of thing that-- what I'm interested in recently is how we're being bashed in the textbooks and how the battle is raging over the textbook issue, and books in libraries recently. What was that library recently that-- it was in Virginia, I believe, that had fits about a book that mommy's, girlfriends or--

DIANE *Heather Has Two Mommies.*

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: *Heather Has Two Mommies.* That was in the library. And they were going crazy. It'd been there for like four years. And suddenly, somebody recognized--

BONNIE: Someone realized it was there.

JEWEL GRAY: And now they're suddenly, you know, up in arms. And I read the other day, in either *The Voice* or *The Triangle*, that they're going to keep the book.

DIANE Yay!

WILLIAMS:

BONNIE: Yay.

JEWEL GRAY: They're going to keep the book. And when they first said they were going to keep the book, somebody stole it from the library. So this teachers group, much like your own, has volunteered to replace the book forever. You steal it, we'll replace it. That's the way we got to do it. We just got to outlast them.

So will those kind of discussions be going on about censorship and that kind of stuff? What would be relevant to you in your-- are you going to be there? Are you going to be part of the panel?

BONNIE: I believe so.

JEWEL GRAY: So basically, you'll be sitting there and people asking questions?

BONNIE: I'm not coordinating myself. I just was sent in to announce it.

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

BONNIE: I'm the messenger.

JEWEL GRAY: You're getting off the hook here.

BONNIE: Don't shoot.

GUEST 1: I'm a teacher who's not involved with the group at all. And the kind of questions that I'd be interested in mentioning or whatever is, recently, like with the *Chronicle*, someone did an article and plastered the rainbow sticker all over the front of the local page or whatever. And that sent me right out to my car. And I took the rainbow sticker off.

However, there are two other lesbian and gay teachers at my school. And one kept his sticker on, and the other wears it on her shirt. She teaches PE. And so--

[LAUGHTER]

BONNIE: She needs to wear it.

GUEST 1: But my position is different than either one of them because I'm a classroom teacher. And neither one of them has my classes.

GUEST 2: Well, I'm a classroom teacher as well. And I combated that by not removing my sticker, but parking my car backwards.

GUEST 1: Backwards. And I did that last year when I first put it on.

GUEST 2: Well, my parking sticker for the district is in the front of the car anyway, so that's just--

JEWEL GRAY: My ex went out--

GUEST 2: --that's my excuse.

JEWEL GRAY: My ex-- there was an article a couple of years ago that the *Chronicle* did again about all the crazy bumper stickers people saw on identifying the brake check bumper, those little stickers you see all over cars that have no name, just a symbol.

And they went down the list and one of the symbols that they outed was the TWIT symbol that people have on the back of their car. And my lover immediately, who was a teacher, immediately went out and took her TWIT sticker off. So yeah--

BONNIE: I don't know. I've seen--

JEWEL GRAY: --that kind of thing.

BONNIE: --quite a few over in the HI state administration parking lot.

JEWEL GRAY: I guess it's been so long since they outed the TWIT sticker. Now rainbows, you can't have on the car. But TWIT stickers you can. It's been so long.

GUEST 1: Yeah. Well, I've decided to put it back on the car, but with reservation, obviously.

JEWEL GRAY: Oh, sure. Well, what I was kind of asking about-- and Bonnie-- Bonnie says, go to the meeting, dammit.

BONNIE: I'm really not coordinating it. That's why I can't--

JEWEL GRAY: One of the things that I'm really interested in is how we're being portrayed in the textbooks, and being portrayed or not being at all portrayed in the textbooks. I mean, no one says Michelangelo was a gay man. No one says that--

BONNIE: Amelia Earhart.

JEWEL GRAY: --Amelia Earhart, Alexander the Great--

DIANE Langston Hughes.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: --Langston Hughes, Walt Whitman, any of them, any of them were gay people. And I think that's robbing a whole generation of their history. Whether it's gay history or straight history, it's still history. It's fact. And the fact that people are editing it really disturbs me because if they can edit us out, who's going to be next be edited out? Will it be Democrats?

I mean, we're suddenly on the hot seat here. Will it be Democrats erased from history? Will it be a religious rights? Will it be the Sister Spirit Group in Mississippi? Who will be written out of history?

GUEST 1: But it's teachers that have to sit together and say something about it. In my classroom for Black History Month, I did say that Langston Hughes was gay. But I did it after the kids had already hooked on to his poetry and were writing poetry because of him. And then I said, well, by the way-- and it was no big deal.

JEWEL GRAY: I think that's the way it should be done. It should be no big deal.

GUEST 1: Under sixth grade, that's elementary school level. And she's telling them that.

JEWEL GRAY: Some wicked principal is out there saying, I'm going to find that teacher. That's the last time she's going to tell a classroom that he's gay-- some wicked principal out there. But that's kind of the thing that I'm concerned about because that was one of Hitler's big things. You take away the history of a people, then you take away their foundation, and they weaken.

And that's what he tried to do systematically in Germany, was delete the history of a whole culture, of a whole population of people, including-- I saw somebody go at it this morning about revisionism-- the Holocaust didn't happen. And this woman that this person was on, really, the show was one of those *Shirley Show* or something. It was really weird show.

GUEST 1: *Rolanda.*

JEWEL GRAY: *Rolanda.* One of those shows-- I don't know when they come on, but they must because-- and she had a revisionist on. And this woman practically stomped that woman's face. She said, we're not going to listen to that. It was a woman in the audience who had some things to say. She said we're not going to listen to that. We're just not going to listen to it. You've got two choices either shut up or leave.

This was right on her show, either shut up or leave. We're not going to listen to it. And that's what I want to say. We're not going to listen to this stuff with all these people. We're going to be screaming. I have a whole book full of gay people history. We should come down here some time, just go through the history. A lot of scholars, a lot of teachers, a lot of--

GUEST 1: We can't talk about those people. Or we can talk about those people.

JEWEL GRAY: We can.

GUEST 1: But teachers can't because they're afraid of their job.

GUEST 2: And you know, one of the most frustrating experiences I had, last year, I did go to the March on Washington. And I was teaching elementary school--

JEWEL GRAY: You just like to rub that in. Every time you're here, you like to rub it in my nose, you've got to go.

GUEST 2: Oh, I went, and in my classroom, in social studies, we were studying civil rights movement in the '60s at that time. And I came back after the March on Washington, sunburnt and everything, and not being able to have said anything to anybody at school faculty members, students, and anything like that, and not being able to tell my students that I was at one of the largest civil rights demonstrations in history--

JEWEL GRAY: Yeah.

GUEST 2: --and not being able to share that as a teachable moment--

JEWEL GRAY: A moment of your life. Yeah.

GUEST 2: --not being able to share that with my students who, I think, were old enough to would have appreciated it.

GUEST 1: I encountered the same thing several times and still do. I've been to both the '87 and last year's March and haven't been able to say a thing. And I've almost let it slip several times discussing civil rights. And it hurts.

JEWEL GRAY: How can they--

GUEST 2: It does hurt. It hurts a lot. It does.

JEWEL GRAY: What is it in their minds that says that we're just going to neglect a whole group of people and not tell our children coming up that these people exist, that they take up space, they have a right, they have rights, and they're just like us? If they're not included in the history, people don't know what impact and--

GUEST 1: Black people, though, have had the same problem and are still-- our history books, our history books don't cover Black History in such a way so that now we've had to--

JEWEL GRAY: Or the--

GUEST 1: --justify--

GUEST 2: I agree.

GUEST 1: --the whole month.

JEWEL GRAY: Native Americans who've been totally removed from history.

GUEST 1: Absolutely.

JEWEL GRAY: Their contribution's been totally removed from history. Well, that is really unfortunate. And that's one of the things that's what I would want to be talking about with educators. I'd want to be talking about we need to have more thrust-- don't you love that? Everybody in the room got a little chill. We need to have a push in that direction to-- oh, gosh, doing it again. OK, I still got-- oh, no, I don't. I'm past time. This is--

DIANE 90.1

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: --90.1 KPFT Houston. And you're listening to *After Hours*. And I'm sitting here with Bonnie, and Diane, and Karen, and Jimmy, and Cynthia, and Cindy, and Hope-- everybody's in here. So I just wanted to go through the line, let you know who was here.

DIANE And Mike and Michael.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: And Mike-- oh, Mike and Michael. They're down on the floor. I can hardly see them. I can see Michael's elbow. Where's the other Mike? On the floor.

BONNIE: But generally speaking, did you?

DIANE No.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: No. No. We're having-- many, many conversations going on here. While we're having these conversations, why don't-- pardon?

JIMMY CARPER: None of which are going out on the air.

JEWEL GRAY: I can hear them. I can hear them. While we're having these many conversations, I want to take a serious moment here-- and before Michael can get up over here and lighten things up for me-- and tell you that we need your money. It's not funny. We've been laughing and having a good time. Of course, that's kind of the *After Hour* thing.

DIANE It's us.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: It's an *After Hour* kind of thing. Was it? It's a night thing? It's an *After Hour* thing.

DIANE (SINGING) After hours.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: That's right. And we try to have fun with everything we do. But on a serious note, we need some money. If we don't get some money, things will change around here. And I don't know what those things would be. But I'm afraid that they would not be positive in our direction.

Not that we would be taken off the air, but maybe eventually that would happen if we don't have enough money to pay the bills. Perhaps, they'll have to cut down from midnight to 6:00 in the morning. Some stations do.

JIMMY CARPER: That has been discussed. And we realize that there has been a change in management around here. And past marathons have not gone well. That's why we have to do this little mini marathon because we're running about 30,000 short. And that 30,000 goes to like, Ma Bell.

JEWEL GRAY: Lights.

JIMMY CARPER: --lights--

JEWEL GRAY: Play for the transmitter?

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah. Yeah.

JEWEL GRAY: Running the transmitter?

JIMMY CARPER: Exactly. Exactly.

JEWEL GRAY: And all this fancy, fancy equipment.

DIANE The tape for the chairs.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: Yeah, the tape for the chairs.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah.

JEWEL GRAY: But seriously, folks. You really want to do this. You want to be part of us. You want to connect in some way. Now, I've talked to a bunch of you out there who say, well, I listen and I really enjoy your show. But--

CREW: Volunteer.

JEWEL GRAY: Volunteer. Yeah. But I can't get into town. I can't get involved in my community because I'm a single parent or I'm afraid that so-and-so, somebody might see me. Many of the reasons that people don't get involved or come on down this way, each one very legitimate in each individual circumstance.

But those who do call and say, I listen to show, if you do nothing else, you can participate by sending us a couple of bucks. \$10 a month comes out to be \$120 a year. That sounds like a lot when you talk about \$120. But at \$10 a month, that's not that much. I mean, that's a movie, not even a movie, with a box of popcorn.

JIMMY CARPER: No. No.

JEWEL GRAY: It's not a CD. I mean, CDs--

JIMMY CARPER: No.

JEWEL GRAY: --are \$11 to \$17. It's not a CD. You can barely go have a hamburger, French fries for less than \$10 anymore. So think about that. If you listen to us for a couple of hours a week, Scott, Michael, Diane, and myself, if you appreciate anything you've heard, \$10 a month is not too bad. It's one of the cheapest entertainment you'll ever get. You know I've been stealing from the Channel 8 marathon.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, yeah.

JEWEL GRAY: Some of the cheapest entertainment you'll ever get.

JIMMY CARPER: And what we do try-- what we try to do here at *After Hours* is be entertaining. You'll notice that we tackle serious subjects, but we try to do it in a way that's interesting and keeps your attention. Yeah.

JEWEL GRAY: [LAUGHS]

JIMMY CARPER: Jump in here any time, Jewel.

CREW: Let Bonnie go to a party.

JEWEL GRAY: To a party?

JIMMY CARPER: And we still have this towel.

JEWEL GRAY: Yes, that's right. We have a towel here for \$90. If you pledge \$90 and pay for it--

JIMMY CARPER: On plastic.

JEWEL GRAY: --with your credit card, which are-- possibilities are--

JIMMY CARPER: Visa, MasterCard, and American Express.

JEWEL GRAY: No Discovery?

JIMMY CARPER: No, sorry.

JEWEL GRAY: No. Visa, MasterCard, American Express. If you do that, then we will give you a towel signed by Femme-2-Femme, used to wipe their very, very pretty brows.

JIMMY CARPER: Actually, Scott didn't say what was white.

JEWEL GRAY: What was white?

JIMMY CARPER: Just that it was that there was sweat on it.

JEWEL GRAY: We're going to have to get an investigative report going on here. Where?

JIMMY CARPER: Yes.

JEWEL GRAY: Bonnie says, oh, no.

DIANE You'll also get a T-shirt.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: Also a T-shirt. That's right.

JIMMY CARPER: And you will get a T-shirt. And it's a fabulous T-shirt it's unlike any other T-shirt we've had at KPFT. It's a huge pair of sunglasses on the front. And in the eyes of each-- what do you call them? The lenses--

JEWEL GRAY: The lenses.

JIMMY CARPER: The lenses--

JEWEL GRAY: Yeah, but that's not what you're circling here.

JIMMY CARPER: --has the name of all the programs.

JEWEL GRAY: Oh, cool. In two lenses?

JIMMY CARPER: In two lenses, all the programs here at KPFT. Isn't that cool?

JEWEL GRAY: Oh, cool.

DIANE Make that pledge for \$95. You'll get the towel, the T-shirt and--

WILLIAMS:

JIMMY CARPER: Yes.

DIANE --a KPFT sipper.

WILLIAMS:

JIMMY CARPER: Yes!

JEWEL GRAY: A KPFT sipper?

BONNIE: That's right, boys and girls.

JEWEL GRAY: All right. God. Karen, you know all this?

JIMMY CARPER: It's a plastic thing you can suck on.

JEWEL GRAY: We should have Karen down here more often. She's right on top of things here, other than Diane. Diane, I really like your knees.

DIANE Oh, stop. They're shaven.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: It's shiny. So please do it now.

JIMMY CARPER: What's the number?

JEWEL GRAY: You can call us at 526-5738, 526-5738. And you know what? You can just call us for the hell of it. I really goofed up last week. We said had a bad word on the radio, see? So if you listen to us, you might hear me say bad words. What's it say?

DIANE We've been handed a note. We'll read it later. We'll read it later, Jewel.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: Oh, I see. I see. I see. I see. OK. And where was I? Money. Oh, yeah. Well, we did the money thing.

JIMMY CARPER: Well, a lot of people do what they can for this station. We come down here and we do this show. We had guests on a couple of weeks ago, Tranae Chardon.

JEWEL GRAY: Tranae?

JIMMY CARPER: And I want you to listen to what his new group Diverse House has done for this show.

JEWEL GRAY: Diverse house.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

BRENDA: (SINGING) Hi, I'm Brenda.

TRANAE (SINGING) And I'm Tranae Chardon. And we're Diverse House, the messages of love and peace. And we like to

CHARDON: say, please, let's stop the violence, the violence between each other. Before we can change the world's views about us, we must make a change between ourselves, and that be racism, homophobia, heterophobia, and prejudice against our own, especially our feminine being-- you know, the female impersonators. After all, thanks to them, we have Stonewall. Just love yourself, and a light of love will shine around you. And remember, support your local community activities. This is 90.1 KPFT *After Hours*. Without you, there would be no us.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

We love you. Peace.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

JEWEL GRAY: And we're on the air.

JIMMY CARPER: Right now.

JEWEL GRAY: There we go.

JIMMY CARPER: Right now.

JEWEL GRAY: No, no, no chance for a setup here. Nothing smooth, just dead air.

GUEST 4: Thank you.

JEWEL GRAY: Whoa! OK. What were we going to do? We were going to say that Bonnie's gone. Bonnie has left the building. Bonnie has left--

JIMMY CARPER: Ladies and gentlemen, Bonnie has left the building.

JEWEL GRAY: That's right. But Bonnie left in-- with us the next meeting time of the Lesbian Teachers Network. Is that right, the Lesbian Teachers Network?

GUEST 1: Yes, that is correct.

JEWEL GRAY: It's a good thing I got people around to keep an eye on me here. And that will be Sunday, April the 17, at 2:00 PM at Inklings. Now that's a pretty safe place to meet at Inklings, 2:00 PM Sunday, April 17, Lesbian Teachers Network. For your teacher, and you want to know more, or you want to participate, or you want to have some-- you've got-- oh, hey.

GUEST 2: It's anonymous, too.

JEWEL GRAY: There I am.

GUEST 2: So, you don't have to tell--

JEWEL GRAY: There I am.

GUEST 2: --them who you are or where you are.

JEWEL GRAY: That's right. It's anonymous

GUEST 2: You don't have to like come in and sign in.

JEWEL GRAY: Is that like confidential? No, that's anonymous. Anonymous. I wanted to say something about-- what was it-- something in the paper this week. What was it? What was in the paper this week?

GUEST 2: I have no idea.

JEWEL GRAY: I saw it. I saw it in the paper. Where was it?

DIANE Is it--

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: No, it was in *The Voice*, or something in *The Voice*. Who's got a *Voice*? Somebody scrounged me up a *Voice* at TWIT. Please, thank you.

DIANE I have a TWIT.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: You've got a TWIT?

DIANE Yeah.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: TWIT, TWIT, TWIT, TWIT.

DIANE There was something in Texas.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: There was something in *The Voice* or the TWIT this week I wanted to talk about. I can't remember what it was. And we're back.

DIANE We're still here, ladies an gentlemen.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: We're back. Is this a criticism from the Peanut Gallery?

DIANE Hey, hey, what are you saying?

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: Hey, hey, what do you say? There was something--

DIANE About some letters.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: You know what I'd like to do?

DIANE Tell us.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: Oh, there we go.

DIANE I bet I know what you'd like to do.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: Yeah.

DIANE Girls.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: You better careful. Karen's standing right there. You better be careful.

DIANE You got a girl out there somewhere, too. I know you do.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: Where? I do?

DIANE Mm-hmm.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: Somebody I know?

DIANE Mm-hmm.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: OK. Let me tell you who the grand marshals are going to be for the parade? Not moi. Darn! I just missed out by like 70 votes. It's only like 44 people in the room that voted, and I missed by 70 votes. But I say Congratulations to Jay Allen and Cecily Wynn.

Cecily was my competition. And Cecily has been around a long time. I've known Cecily, worked with Cecily several different ways. And I really congratulate her for being chosen the grand marshal, the female grand marshal. And Jay Allen, as we know, runs a bunch of bars over Pacific Street.

DIANE And he's a really nice guy, by the way. I like Jay.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: He's the male--

DIANE He's a good person and he cares.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: Yeah, he started a BOAT, didn't he?

DIANE HOBO?

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: HOBO? HOBOAT? No.

DIANE Not HOBO. Bar owners?

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: Bar Owners' Association of Texas, B-O-A-T, BOAT. Yeah.

DIANE I thought it was Houston Organization of Bar Owners.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: And that, too.

DIANE Which is what it turned out to be.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: And that, too. He started both of them.

DIANE Anyway, he's a good guy. Pacific Street, It's next to all the--

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: Oh, he owns a bunch of bars over on Pacific Street.

DIANE Go over there.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: That's right. La la la. That was one thing. Oh, you know what else I wanted to talk about? A bunch of people went to see the Liza Minnelli concert. Do you believe this? Only person who told me about the Liza Minnelli concert at the amfAR fundraiser came to me and told me it was awful.

DIANE Oh, no.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: This was--

DIANE Couple of people told me.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: --why it was awful because Liza didn't do cabaret.

DIANE Oh, no. But she did *New York, New York*.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: Yeah, they said she did *New York, New York*. But they said it was great. And they got pictures. Oh, I can't wait to see the pictures. Oh, there was something else in *The Voice*. I'm looking quickly, something else in *The Voice*.

DIANE You're rattling for days over--

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: Yes, yes.

DIANE --because we have so much information.

WILLIAMS:

CREW: I heard that the Legends tennis stars--

JEWEL GRAY: Oh, here they are-- return to Houston.

CREW: --were exciting to see.

JEWEL GRAY: Virginia Wade, Billie Jean King, and Martina! Yeah, that would have been nice to see. Yeah, I almost had tickets. They were going to give me tickets. But at the last minute, somebody else came through and we gave it to them. Hello! Please, say hello.

DIANE This just in

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: Always dedicated volunteers patrolling Montrose tonight with the Q-Patrol. If you want to join Q-Patrol, call Charlie at 871-8519. Hope Charlie knows we're giving out his number. Charlie, I hope you know we're giving out your number. Cindy, you look so cool.

CREW: We have volunteers in the office tonight.

JEWEL GRAY: So if you-- everyone's out there patrolling every now and then--

DIANE Cool.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: --on the Montrose Beat-- that's what we call it, the Montrose Beat-- at the Q-Patrol. Call Charlie, 871-8519. And you know, I told you last week that you don't have to actually be on foot patrol to be part of Q-Patrol. They have a car patrol. They also have need for other volunteers who not necessarily on patrol. So there are a lot of things you can do for Q-Patrol without actually being on the streets. There was--

DIANE There's another Q-Patrol's number, too.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: Another one?

DIANE What's the number that you just have? Want to give that number out again?

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: 871-8519. You got another number?

DIANE Or 643-0029, 643-0029, or 871-8519.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: Why don't we do this more often? See, we just work too well together.

DIANE We do.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: We work--

DIANE We should do this--

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: --just too well together.

DIANE Well, we were going to do both shows together.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: Do you--

DIANE What happened? We needed a life, perhaps.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: Oh, you went to Michigan.

DIANE Well, we were always going to do both shows together, but we--

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: Oh, that's right.

DIANE --both decided we needed a life.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: That's right. You got married. That's what happened.

DIANE Hey, you did, too.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: That's what happened. You deserted me. We got married. Let's see. There was something, but I can't find it, just doesn't jump out at me. I did want to say congratulations to Cecily, and Jay, and Lindy Huffman, who's going to be the honorary grand marshal, who's my boss.

DIANE Yay.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: Yay.

DIANE Claire Koepsel

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: When are we going to get that kitchen, Lindy?

DIANE Claire--

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: Claire?

DIANE Claire is an honorary grand marshal.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: Oh, yeah? How many grand marshal honorary grand marshals do they have?

DIANE I have no idea, but it's in *The Voice*. Claire is the mother of Michael King who died of AIDS a few years back and

WILLIAMS: has been an active member of ACT UP and Coronation, and everything else. And she's been on the board of a couple of different organizations.

JEWEL GRAY: Cool.

DIANE I heard--

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: Well, maybe I misspoke. I didn't see Lindy's name in there. Maybe they picked somebody else. But I thought she was the only one they had. It's terrible lineup.

DIANE Go figure.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: That's terrible, you know? What do you got there? You got a whole stack of stuff?

DIANE Yeah, I have a little sack--

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: When are we going to let Jimmy do QMZ? In 10 minutes?

DIANE In 10 minutes, little less than 10 minutes.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: All right.

DIANE The QMZ.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: Empowerment for living. MCC, the Metropolitan Church of the Resurrection. HIV Ministry of Empowerment for Living. You know who we need to get on here? We need to get Carolyn on here. I love Carolyn.

DIANE Yeah, I'm thinking she's going to come in my next show, I want to get a show, we're going to talk about this class

WILLIAMS: that you're about to talk about, and also the article about HIV-- homosexuality in the Bible.

JEWEL GRAY: The one that was in the first OutSmart.

DIANE Yes.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: I have spoken many times, and once or twice on the air about that. That was a good article.

DIANE And there's a couple of things that have come to my attention recently about a Catholic minister that was

WILLIAMS: recently-- a Catholic priest that was recently defrocked or whatever for being gay, and also a Lutheran minister, which I have tonight, just got the letter from Lutherans Concerned of North America from Atlanta. So anyway, lots of information. Less than a month from now--

JIMMY CARPER: All right.

DIANE --about that.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: Let me go back and say that MCC HIV Ministry of Empowerment for Living and started using Reverend Dr. Steve Pieters, Peters?

DIANE Peters.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: Peters. HIV/AIDS support group manual entitled, "Spiritual Strength for Survival." The Reverend Dr. Steve Peter, who is a long-term survivor of AIDS, just recently spoke to MCCR and Empowerment for Living. Each weekly lesson is based on scripture and personal application during group discussions.

The Empowerment for Living continues to have a covered dish supper at 6:30, followed by the program at 7:15. Upcoming discussions at the Empowerment for Living on March 22, Loyal-- what's that? [? Klysen's? ?]

DIANE [? Klysen, ?] yeah.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: [? Klysen-- ?]

DIANE Loyal.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: --will lead the discussion of second principle of Peter's manual, actually coping with the disease and refusing to succumb to the helplessness, hopelessness state. On March 29, Dr. Scott Sawyer, an ophthalmologist, will talk about how HIV/AIDS can affect your eyesight. So for more information, you can connect with MCC and find out more about the Empowerment for Living. Stuff going on. 861-9149.

DIANE That's a pretty good drop-in group, too. They do that on Tuesday nights, so it says.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: Tuesday nights?

DIANE I think they do that on--

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: Did it say?

DIANE --Tuesday nights. And it's a pretty good drop-in group. There's a big following. It's very much a social support group. So go in and join them. There's also something that you have in your little hand.

JEWEL GRAY: Me? Oh.

CREW: No, that'd be me. Hey, all you bowlers, it's time to shine your balls. Get ready for the summer, new mixed bowling league forming on Sunday evenings at the Palace Lanes. They will be having an organizational meeting 6 o'clock, that's 6:00 PM April 10th, and they'll start bowling at 7:00.

This Will be Sunday nights at 7 o'clock from April 10 through the end of June. You can call Tom Odell at 522-9612 in the evening. Let him know if you plan to participate.

JEWEL GRAY: Jeez, I was looking up here at our traffic network on Shadow Traffic Network thing. It says there's a big wreck out on I-45 inbound over Tellepsen, a major accident reported. Records and emergency crews on the scene. Says there are eight cars involved in this wreck. Jeez, that's really big for Houston. That's really big for Houston.

Houston people are so unfriendly, they won't even have wrecks together. [LAUGHS] You can't get more than two people together at one time.

CREW: There are lots of--

JEWEL GRAY: But the eight cars together, can you imagine out there on 45? It's not like there's any place you can't see for 10 miles.

DIANE Well, there's the one at Westheimer and Snot Road, Synott Road.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: That's Synott

DIANE I know. I know.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: Snot Road.

DIANE Just park at Gessner.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: Oh, I was just reading. I was just reading. We have the Shadow Traffic Network on a computer here talking about- - at 121, they've just re-updated. So these are major problems on the freeway. Just to let you know if you're getting ready to leave the bar or climb in your car, that you maybe should slow down when you're going down 45 because there's some, Yeah, there's a lot of stuff out there on 45.

DIANE 45 also has construction. The southbound lane is still closed.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: I don't know. I don't use 45.

CREW: It's in the loop.

JEWEL GRAY: I only go from out of Wesleyan to down here on 59.

DIANE You're an inner loop girl from way back.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: That's right, boy. I get outside the loop, I get a nosebleed.

DIANE Traffic, if designated driver, if you're drinking right now, call a cab.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: That's right. That's right. Most of bars will call you a cab. They've no problem.

DIANE No cab.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: That's right. Poof. I'm a ferry poof. You're a cab.

DIANE We'd rather talk to you than talk about you.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: That's right.

CREW: Hey, who said that?

JEWEL GRAY: Walt Whitman. Walt Whitman. No, Walt Whitman said, it's better to be talked about than not to be talked about at all.

CREW: There's two more infos.

JEWEL GRAY: Give it to me.

CREW: The Montrose Counseling Center--

JEWEL GRAY: No, no.

CREW: --continues to do good around town. They're offering an ongoing drop-in support group for HIV-positive teenagers to discuss their-- HIV-positive teenagers to discuss their concerns with other teenagers. Open to any teenage person who is HIV-positive, whether female, male, gay, bi, straight, purple, whatever.

JEWEL GRAY: Transgender?

HOST 5: This group is provided free. And for more information, you need to contact the Montrose Counseling Center.

JEWEL GRAY: At?

BOTH: 529-0037.

JEWEL GRAY: Yeah, that's right. It's the same number. Yeah, it's the same number, yeah--

CREW: 529-0037.

JEWEL GRAY: --how many times you've called it. Yeah. 37. That's right. And you can get hold a lot of help and a lot of support there if in case you need to-- oh, I forgot to tell you. If you want to get a hold of Bonnie's group, the Lesbian Teachers Network, call the switchboard, 529-3211.

CREW: 529-3211, the gay and lesbian switch. You could also--

DIANE At Houston. Stop by Inklings. They have--

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: That's right. Out there just in the foyer.

DIANE Posting.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: Out in the foyer. I saw Pokey in the window today. I waved. She didn't know who the hell I was.

DIANE She's on vacation. She's just back--

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: She didn't know me from-- she didn't know me from--

DIANE Eve.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: --from Eve.

DIANE I'd like to take this opportunity to say, hey, Bene.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: Hey, Bene.

DIANE Steaks tomorrow on your grill.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: All right. Everybody here is invited.

CREW: At Bene's house.

JEWEL GRAY: Bene's house, 4 o'clock, steaks. Be there.

DIANE Speaking of which, we were just a moment ago, the article in OutSmart, I want to read this little press release

WILLIAMS: from MCCR. Yes, another one. It says, "Homosexuality in the Bible seminar is scheduled. MCCR, Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection, announced as part of its spring education series the popular seminar on homosexuality and the Bible. The course will be a one-day class on Saturday, April 16, from 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM. The title of this year's seminar is In God's Name-- Gays, God, and the Bible."

JEWEL GRAY: Run it. Say that again.

DIANE Oh, goodness. "In God's Name-- God, Gays, and the Bible."

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: All right.

DIANE That is the correct way to say it. "It will be taught by the Reverend Ralph Lasher, who holds a master's degree in Divinity, was an Episcopal priest, who was asked to resign from the Church 35 years ago after he announced he was gay."

JEWEL GRAY: He's not that old.

DIANE He and his lover have been together 38 years.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: Oh, jeez. He's not that old.

DIANE He and his lover-- let me just say that again. He and his lover have been together 38 years. It might even be 39 at this point now.

JEWEL GRAY: And this is a relationship that won't last.

DIANE Yeah.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: It won't last--

DIANE Chances are, these guys are staying together.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: Yeah, because of those homophobes out there, they won't last.

DIANE Yeah. And he's not-- I mean, he's a preacher man, OK?

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: Yeah.

DIANE 35 years ago, after he announced he was gay, he's executive director of Houston's Montrose Clinic, who, by the way, is building a new building. It looks great down on Lower Westheimer.

JEWEL GRAY: Just looks like a pile of dirt out there now.

DIANE Oh, it's got the frame up.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: Oh, really.

DIANE Frame's up. Ralph Lasher last year was published in *The Texas Observer* and recently had an article in The New **WILLIAMS:** Houston OutSmart Magazine. Due to the popularity of the seminar, MCCR's asking that reservations be made in advance. Usually, you can just drop on in, and it was a big deal. It's widely attended. You talk about the different parts of the Bible, how do you--

JEWEL GRAY: The enemy throws the Bible at us, it's time we start learning more--

DIANE That's right.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: --about it.

DIANE Even if you're an atheist or an agnostic or pagan--

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: Being able to throw it back at them. It doesn't matter if you believe this.

DIANE If they believe it.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: Let's be able to throw--

DIANE If they believe it--

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: --it back at them.

DIANE --let's at least say, say what we know. Due to the popularity of seminar, MCCR is asking if they call in advance,

WILLIAMS: call the church office. You can bring a sack lunch, or you can buy a box lunch for, I think, it's like a \$5 donation or something, something pretty small. It's there.

JEWEL GRAY: I've got four or five lines here I'm not going to say.

DIANE Oh, yeah. To reserve a place for the seminar or to find out about other services the programs at MCCR, call the

WILLIAMS: office at 861-9149. So I think that's really--

JEWEL GRAY: So we're out of here. We're out of here. We're going to let Jimmy have the--

DIANE Could I just mention one more thing quickly?

WILLIAMS:

JIMMY CARPER: Sure. Have you been good?

DIANE Yeah.

WILLIAMS:

CREW: OK.

JEWEL GRAY: Very good.

DIANE Now, I would just like to mention this to all of you who are like me looking for free and cheap entertainment.

WILLIAMS:

CREW: That's me.

JEWEL GRAY: That's me. You're the free and cheap entertainment?

CREW: The North American Gay Volleyball Association, the 1994 championships are being held at the George R Brown Convention Center being hosted by the Lone Star Volleyball Association.

DIANE That's next weekend. This is March 31 through April 2, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

WILLIAMS: It's free. The best 60 teams from across the US and Canada are playing each other. Free, free.

JEWEL GRAY: Free, free, free.

CREW: Everyone--

JEWEL GRAY: Free. It's not like you have to go out for the softball tournament--

CREW: George R Brown

JEWEL GRAY: --and pay big money.

CREW: --Convention Center next Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. I'll be there.

JEWEL GRAY: How much are we paying for the softball tournaments these days? It's \$10 to get in, isn't it?

CREW: For the what?

JEWEL GRAY: For the fast-pitch softball tournaments to come here.

HOST 5: Softball? I think--

JEWEL GRAY: You know, when all the-- when the butch lesbians go gaga and have to be out of the Memorial Park.

CREW: Have to show off their biceps and make us all sweat.

DIANE I know--

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: Wear the cleats out there.

DIANE --that volleyball players wear bun-huggers.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: Jeez.

DIANE They do. I've lived with volleyball players before.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: Another accident. I'm just fascinated. Multiple vehicle accident has traffic shutdown between Memorial-- between The Wall and Sawyer. That's close in. That might affect somebody,

JIMMY CARPER: --clear that accident or what?

JEWEL GRAY: This is just fascinating to me. So take an alternate route, instead of Memorial.

JIMMY CARPER: I've got an--

DIANE So they're going to jail, going down Washington.

WILLIAMS:

JIMMY CARPER: I've got an alternate route for you.

JEWEL GRAY: I tell you. So avoid Memorial. We're talking to you because we know you're getting ready to get in your car and listen to Jimmy do the QMZ.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes!

JEWEL GRAY: Yes.

[ULULATING]

JIMMY CARPER: OK. You're on.

DIANE The queer, queer, queer--

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: Queer, queer, queer.

DIANE --zone.

WILLIAMS:

JEWEL GRAY: Get it.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, yeah.

JEWEL GRAY: I've never seen this--

JIMMY CARPER: What? You've never seen what?

JEWEL GRAY: I've never seen this move before with all the accidents.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, OK. She's fascinated with Shadow Traffic. OK. In case, you have a hard time getting to Charlie's or the House of Guys, you know. Hi. This is Jimmy with the QMZ, the Queer Music--

JEWEL GRAY: Queer, queer, queer, queer.

JIMMY CARPER: So dun, dun, dun, dun, dun, dun. Heard every week on *After Hours*, a continuing tradition on KPFT Houston 90.1 FM. I'm kind of-- I can see a reflection of Diane mouthing the words as I say them. QMZ, that means music by openly gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender artists. And we're starting off tonight with a request because she's going to beat the hell out of me if I don't.

DIANE Who is this woman standing here with her face--

WILLIAMS:

JIMMY CARPER: No. No, no. No, no. Actually, it's one of Jewel's favorites, and I like to play it on her show.

JEWEL GRAY: And of course, since we were talking about lesbian teachers, this is entirely appropriate.

JIMMY CARPER: You bet. Since we were talking about lesbian teachers, it is entirely appropriate. It's Meg Christian. And it's--

JEWEL GRAY: Yes, yes, yes.

JIMMY CARPER: --"Ode to a Gym Teacher."