

JUSTIN: Hi, and we're on for tonight. Welcome--

TARA: Woo!

JUSTIN: --to HATCH Hour.

TARA: We do it all over again.

[LAUGHTER]

JUSTIN: Indeed. This is the HATCH segment of *After Hours*. HATCH is the Houston Area Teen Coalition for Homosexuals.

TARA: He's lying.

JUSTIN: That's right. I'm lying. We're here. We're from Mars, and we're trying to draw this nasty [CLEARS THROAT] off.

TARA: [INAUDIBLE].

JUSTIN: Anyway, HATCH is Houston Area Teen Coalition of Homosexuals. We--

[CHAIR SQUEAKS]

--are a--

TARA: Ow!

JUSTIN: --gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered, and questioning youth group, and--

TARA: And the friends of.

JUSTIN: Yeah, and the friends thereof.

HOST: We include everyone.

JUSTIN: We include everyone. It's fabulous.

TARA: [? Someone started ?].

JUSTIN: Except for old people-- no old people. And--

[TAPPING FURNITURE]

HOST: Number.

JUSTIN: --our number, 713-942-7002. You can call us and leave a happy little message--

TARA: Happy.

JUSTIN: --and your name and stuff, and we'll get back to you. Or someone will get back to you. Who is on that? Lee, is that you now?

TARA: That's Lee.

LEE: Hey. Yes.

JUSTIN: Oh.

TARA: Leave your number--

LEE: Hey.

HOST: [INAUDIBLE].

TARA: --so he can hear it.

JUSTIN: Indeed.

LEE: Oh yeah.

TARA: And then--

JUSTIN: Leave--

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

JUSTIN: --getting back with you

TARA: [? --leave ?] your name.

JUSTIN: It'll be great.

TARA: Spell it out.

LEE: Yeah, and say your number slowly because I hate it when people are just like, and my number is [BABBLES], and I have to keep on listening to the number over and over again. Please.

JUSTIN: Oh, yeah.

SANDRA: Yeah, that can't be fun.

HOST: Who are you?

LEE: Yeah.

JUSTIN: Really is messed up is when people call and they put the number at the end of the message and say [BABBLES]. So you have to listen to this long, long message.

LEE: Yeah.

JUSTIN: 40 minutes, and it's like [BABBLES]. [GROANS] I missed it again!

HOST: [GIGGLES]

LEE: Yeah.

BOTH: I'd really hate that.

TARA: I love when you can't decipher the name.

JUSTIN: I know. I need to speak to-- [CLEAR THROAT] [INAUDIBLE].

SANDRA: [GIGGLES]

JUSTIN: Please?

SANDRA: Yes, [INAUDIBLE].

JUSTIN: I said "please." Anyway.

TARA: [SNICKERS]

JUSTIN: And so, yeah.

TARA: [INAUDIBLE].

JUSTIN: Call us.

JIMMY CARPER: And your name is?

JUSTIN: I'm your host, Justin.

LEE: Hey, Justin.

TARA: All right.

JUSTIN: And this is.

TARA: Tara, the co-host.

JUSTIN: Ooh! Yay.

HOST: "coast"?

JUSTIN: And in our booth tonight--

TARA: Yes, the "coast."

JUSTIN: --going from my left to my right, we've got.

TARA: You in the pink.

MANDA: Manda.

JUSTIN: What's up, Manda? Manda's joined us all the way from New York.

MANDA: Bethany.

SANDRA: I'm Sandra. I've been a HATCHling for a year and a half, and I just turned 18 on Tuesday.

TARA: Woo!

ALAN: I'm Alan. Hi.

JUSTIN: What's up?

TARA: [LAUGHS]

JUSTIN: Woo!

ALAN: How are y'all?

TARA: Woo!

LEE: Hey, I'm Lee. Yeah, I'm in charge of the youth lines. Hey.

JUSTIN: Excellent.

LEE: What's up?

JIMMY: Jimmy. I'm the other New Yorker.

HOST: [INAUDIBLE].

ASHLEY: And I'm Ashley.

SANDRA: She's our South Carolina girl.

ASHLEY: Yeah, our Southern Belle.

TARA: Wait, we got one behind me.

MICHAEL: And I'm Michael. I'm cellist this evening.

TARA: We offered you a chair.

MICHAEL: I got a chair.

TARA: But your bony ass--

ASHLEY: I have a knee, honey.

TARA: --wasn't good enough to accept it.

MICHAEL: Oh.

TARA: Aw.

MICHAEL: Oh, a knee. I got a knee. Oh, wait, here we go. OK, see, I switched rooms. See? That was fabulous.

TARA: I have [? two ?] [INAUDIBLE] on me.

MICHAEL: Well--

[LAUGHTER]

--I spent a nice Saturday night.

TARA: Your bony butt was not good enough to accept it. Mm-hmm.

MICHAEL: Hm.

TARA: Ooh.

JUSTIN: Oh, wait, no, no, no, no, no, no, no, no, no, no, no. Give me the [INAUDIBLE].

MICHAEL: Ooh, they're fighting. I got \$10 on Justin.

TARA: [LAUGHS]

JUSTIN: I'm going to beat you with an inch of your-- [CLEARS THROAT]

ALAN: I just got the music.

JUSTIN: --toothless face.

TARA: [LAUGHS]

JUSTIN: The first song you heard was "Fabulous" by Heather Nova, and the second song that you heard coming into the show was by Lift called "Let Us Be." Mm-hmm.

TARA: Gay.

JUSTIN: Rude.

[LAUGHTER]

ASHLEY: Yes.

SANDRA: [INAUDIBLE].

ASHLEY: We are. Hello.

TARA: Let us be gay.

JIMMY: Let us be homosexual forever.

HOST: [LAUGHS]

HOST: Amen. [BREATHES DEEPLY]

HOST: [CHUCKLES]

JUSTIN: All right, so we had a lovely little Halloween party. Was that--

TARA: Yes. Great.

JUSTIN: --yesterday, two days ago now? Whatever that was, Friday.

LEE: That was great.

JUSTIN: Everybody had fun?

LEE: [? We ?] [? lose ?] track of time with these daylight savings things.

HOST: [LAUGHS]

JUSTIN: I know. [INAUDIBLE].

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

SANDRA: --what they wore.

JUSTIN: What?

SANDRA: I went as Tom Cruise in *Risky Business*.

TARA: Awesome!

JUSTIN: Oh, that's what you were!

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

JUSTIN: I thought you just went scandalously dressed.

HOST: Psst!

[LAUGHTER]

SANDRA: No!

HOST: Psst!

SANDRA: What?

HOST: Psst. Psst.

TARA: Let's go around this way and tell them about what you did. You start.

JIMMY CARPER: Before he does that, I need to remind folks that they are listening to *After Hours*, queer radio with attitude, on KPFT Houston--

TARA: That's right.

JIMMY CARPER: --and KEOS College Station.

TARA: Oh, yeah, there's nine minutes until you set your clock back. Don't forget.

JIMMY CARPER: And in 45 seconds, it's going to be 1 o' clock again!

TARA: I just said one minute, Jimmy. You're calling me a liar? [GIGGLES]

JIMMY CARPER: [INAUDIBLE] got 15 seconds to go. That's why.

TARA: OK.

JUSTIN: HOST: See? Because you're a loser.

TARA: Mm-hmm.

MICHAEL: (SINGING) So why don't you kill me?

JUSTIN: Right. So anyway, at this party, I was the ever fabulous Black Widow.

LEE: Hm.

JUSTIN: What about you?

TARA: You over there in the pink.

JUSTIN: Yeah, excuse me, Manda.

JIMMY: What were you, Manda?

JUSTIN: Yo, New York.

MANDA: How you doing?

[LAUGHTER]

JUSTIN: Word.

MANDA: [INAUDIBLE].

TARA: She went as a graduate.

MANDA: No, I didn't. She lying.

[LAUGHTER]

JUSTIN: She lying.

MANDA: She lying.

TARA: I got picture.

LEE: We have pictures.

MANDA: Uh-uh.

JUSTIN: But you deleted them yesterday.

MANDA: [INAUDIBLE].

TARA: No, she didn't because they are still there, honey.

[LAUGHTER]

We still have them.

MANDA: I wore blue silky stuff.

[LAUGHTER]

SANDRA: I just said I was Tom Cruise in *Risky Business*. I wore underwear and a shirt on top.

TARA: (WHISPERS) Skank.

HOST: And socks.

SANDRA: And socks.

TARA: And socks. [CHUCKLES]

SANDRA: Which got so dirty by the end of the night. Those socks are ruined. But I had lots of fun.

HOST: (WHISPERS) You can wash them.

SANDRA: [GASPS] No.

[LAUGHTER]

TARA: You [? mate ?] there standing up, what did you wear?

ALAN: I dressed like a gay little emo kid.

[LAUGHTER]

TARA: What, you went as Lee?

LEE: What?

[LAUGHTER]

I'm not emo!

JUSTIN: Oh, no.

LEE: I am not emo! Will you stop calling me that?

HOST: [INAUDIBLE].

SANDRA: Oh, the fun that we had here in HATCH.

LEE: For those of you who don't know what emo is, it's emotional punk rock, and that's not what I am.

HOST: (WHISPERS) It's what he is.

HOST: [GIGGLES]

LEE: Shut up.

ALAN: He looks like an [? XY ?] model to me.

[LAUGHTER]

LEE: OK, now you die.

JUSTIN: An emo XY model.

SANDRA: He's got [INAUDIBLE]

ASHLEY: [MOANS] Oh.

LEE: You will die.

ASHLEY: He will die a horrible death.

TARA: Lee, what did you go as?

LEE: What did I go as?

TARA: Yeah.

LEE: I went as a punk rock angel.

HOST: (WHISPERS) An emo angel.

[LAUGHTER]

LEE: Shut up. It was hardcore. It was punk rock-ish and stuff.

JUSTIN: It was hard stuff.

TARA: It was hardcore being all white in white feathery--

LEE: Yeah.

TARA: --and hardcore! Woo!

LEE: Ooh, yeah, angels kick ass, heavenly ass.

TARA: Go angels!

LEE: Oh, yeah.

HOST: [GIGGLES]

SANDRA: That sounded like a sports announcer [? puns. ?]

TARA: They kick butt.

LEE: Oh, yeah.

TARA: [SNICKERS]

JUSTIN: That's you.

LEE: They kick Satan's butt.

MICHAEL: Oh my god, I went as Satan.

TARA: "I went as Satan."

[LAUGHTER]

MANDA: You are horny, Ashley. You are horny.

ASHLEY: [LAUGHS]

SANDRA: She actually won an award--

MANDA: Ashley's horny.

SANDRA: --for horniest person at HATCH.

ASHLEY: And Michael won second. Hello.

MICHAEL: It's true.

ASHLEY: We're the horniest people around. [GIGGLES]

JIMMY: I won the queerest. I don't get that. How?

SANDRA: I was runner-up for queerest.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

TARA: Wait, wait. Psst, psst, psst. I went as a Playboy Bunny, and I got runner-up for drag.

[TAPPING MICROPHONE]

[LAUGHTER]

LEE: For best drag.

ALAN: You look hot, though.

ASHLEY: Your titties [INAUDIBLE].

SANDRA: Because people don't remember back when Tara was femme until Mary-Kate. [CHUCKLES]

JUSTIN: I just don't understand.

LEE: Oh, yeah.

MANDA: Tara is femme.

TARA: I don't understand-- how I got--

HOST: She's very [? good. ?]

MANDA: Tara's very girly.

TARA: --runner-up drag for being a Playboy Bunny.

MANDA: Because you had on some funky clothes.

HOST: [CHUCKLES]

TARA: Because I was [? right? ?]

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

SANDRA: I think I would've gotten runner-up [? for that titties. ?]

TARA: Drag from what?

[LAUGHTER]

MANDA: From what you normally wear.

TARA: How is what I normally wear compared to that drag?

MANDA: I don't know. You ask the judges.

JUSTIN: Actually, the only difference I saw was the ears.

TARA: [LAUGHS] Oh, no!

JUSTIN: The rest of the costume was pretty norm on a Friday for her.

TARA: What?

SANDRA: Oh, a courset?

MANDA: Oh my.

HOST: Yeah.

HOST: [GIGGLES]

HOST: Yeah, she a hoe.

TARA: Yes, she wears a corset every day.

MANDA: She been hiding that from me.

JUSTIN: But I mean, Lee won the most queerest. How is anyone more queer than anyone else?

MANDA: Because I guess he's funk.

LEE: I don't know. I don't see how angels can be [? queer. ?]

TARA: I think it's just because--

ASHLEY: I know Jimmy was more flamboyant than everybody.

TARA: --he was emo and [INAUDIBLE].

MANDA: I think they just needed something to give y'all awards for.

LEE: Yeah, they had--

MANDA: [INAUDIBLE].

LEE: --all the stuff in the back, and they needed to get rid of it. So it's like--

ASHLEY: I got a squish frog, a squishy, squishy frog.

LEE: --make more categories.

TARA: OK!

[LAUGHTER]

And Justin's shocked.

ALAN: [INAUDIBLE].

SANDRA: You can see the organs in it, and it's so gross.

MANDA: [? Of ?] what?

MICHAEL: You broke [INAUDIBLE].

JIMMY: So cute.

SANDRA: Jimmy, tell us who you were.

ASHLEY: I like my [? queer ?] frog.

JIMMY: I don't know. What do you guys think I was?

TARA: You were a lesbian, gay pimp.

JIMMY: Huh.

MANDA: You were?

JUSTIN: Jimmy was very scantily dressed.

SANDRA: Half naked.

LEE: That's what he was.

TARA: He was half naked.

MANDA: Jimmy with a man, [? he's ?] not that very [INAUDIBLE].

MICHAEL: It's what we do at HATCH. [INAUDIBLE].

JUSTIN: He was wearing some see-through jacket thing and some fuzzy pants.

SANDRA: And fake orgasms.

TARA: He went as a pimp. He was a lesbian.

JUSTIN: Yeah, he was as a pimp.

TARA: He had nothing but lesbians on. [LAUGHS]

JIMMY: I was a [? next ?] [? raver. ?]

TARA: He went as a [? next ?] [? raver. ?]

SANDRA: Michael.

MANDA: Yes.

SANDRA: Tell us what you were.

MICHAEL: Oh, I went as Satan.

SANDRA: It was really cool. I really liked his costume.

MICHAEL: I wore some very sexy black tight leather pants to show off my sexy tight thighs and [? cast. ?] And then I had a little British [? skirt ?] that I got from Valley Village for \$0.07, and I cut little holes in the back where wing should be. And then my friend Ashley painted it with nail polish because that's all we could find for paint.

SANDRA: And it looked as though he was an angel who had his wings ripped out. And I was like, wow.

MICHAEL: Yeah.

SANDRA: I was very inventive.

MICHAEL: Yes.

SANDRA: Did you win an award?

MICHAEL: Yes.

ASHLEY: Yes.

MICHAEL: I won the second-most horniest person--

HOST: [LAUGHS]

MICHAEL: --at HATCH.

TARA: [SNICKERS]

MICHAEL: Yeah, OK. [? Whatever. ?]

JIMMY: I believe it.

ASHLEY: [LAUGHS] I beat you, baby.

MICHAEL: [MOANS] You beat me good.

ASHLEY: [GIGGLES]

MANDA: Oh my.

ASHLEY: I'm hot.

MICHAEL: [CHUCKLES]

SANDRA: Ashley loves that sort of thing.

JUSTIN: Ashley [? Su. ?]

ASHLEY: Yeah?

JUSTIN: What were you?

SANDRA: I thought that was you.

ASHLEY: I was a sissy devil.

TARA: A Sissy devil?

ASHLEY: A sexy devil!

MANDA: She said "sissy."

ASHLEY: Sissy devil.

MANDA: I heard "sissy."

JUSTIN: Sissy, sexy devil.

ASHLEY: [GIGGLES] Sissy, sexy devil.

JUSTIN: That was alliteration at its best.

ASHLEY: I was all popping out of my top and everything [GIGGLES]

SANDRA: Sweetie, we had--

ASHLEY: --all night long.

SANDRA: --so much titty showing at HATCH. We had so many people popping out of their shirts.

ASHLEY: I was. I don't know how many people saw me. [GIGGLES] I think everybody there.

MANDA: [INAUDIBLE].

SANDRA: She's about to write us a note and chastise us.

ASHLEY: Don't talk about seeing body parts.

MANDA: Don't [? think ?] it is.

[LAUGHTER]

ASHLEY: Oh, it's [INAUDIBLE].

SANDRA: And she's writing, and we're all waiting. [SCATTING]

ASHLEY: But that's OK.

JUSTIN: So Tara, what did you come as, though?

TARA: A Playboy Bunny.

BOTH: Excellent.

ASHLEY: And she was very, very revealing.

TARA: And don't [INAUDIBLE], stupids.

MANDA: Don't say.

SANDRA: Simon says.

MANDA: Don't say.

JIMMY: She loves us.

HOST: (SINGING) [INAUDIBLE].

TARA: That's Andrea's favorite. Oh, damn. I said on the radio show. Where's Jimmy?

[LAUGHTER]

HOST: "Where's Jimmy?"

JIMMY: Are we going to tell?

ASHLEY: Jimmy is on my lap.

SANDRA: No, the other Jimmy.

ASHLEY: Oh. [GIGGLES]

JUSTIN: What, there's another Jimmy?

ASHLEY: There's another Jimmy?

SANDRA: Yeah, the Jimmy--

JIMMY: There's a whole bunch of us.

SANDRA: --that runs the radio host.

HOST: Oh.

TARA: Psst! [IMITATING STATIC SOUND]

ASHLEY: I have a Jimmy on my lap.

SANDRA: Hey.

ASHLEY: I have Michael on my lap.

SANDRA: Tara hawking up phlegm over there.

ASHLEY: I have pony nipples--

TARA: [SPITS]

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

JUSTIN: Oh my god!

[LAUGHTER]

HOST: Shh. (WHISPERS) Guys, we [INAUDIBLE].

JUSTIN: I think I'm just hallucinating.

HOST: Psst.

HOST: What?

HOST: Psst.

HOST: (WHISPERS) What?

HOST: Psst.

HOST: (WHISPERS) What?

HOST: [CHUCKLES] Dork.

TARA: You're the one that said "what?" four times.

HOST: [LAUGHS]

JUSTIN: So the topic today is--

[LAUGHTER]

Go ahead, Lee, introduce it because every time I introduce the topic, it falls right back on my head. These people just want to see me be like, Sue! [GROANS] [BABBLES] [GROANS]

HOST: [GIGGLES]

LEE: The topic for today is the internet and the positive and negative effects that it has on gay youth.

ASHLEY: Oh my.

LEE: Yes.

MICHAEL: Ready and go.

TARA: It's so serious.

HOST: [IMITATING STATIC SOUND]

LEE: Now, I'm sure we've all-- our first coming out-- we all have the internet or had an internet experience, right?

HOST: Yes.

HOST: [BLOWS]

LEE: Yeah, I can't--

JUSTIN: No, you're completely alone.

HOST: [GIGGLES]

LEE: Oh, that's right.

ASHLEY: I have never been on the internet.

[LAUGHTER]

JIMMY: Are you serious? It's wonderful. You should try it.

ASHLEY: Ever in my life.

MANDA: Me, either.

JIMMY: [INAUDIBLE] exists only on the internet.

[LAUGHTER]

JUSTIN: It's an [? urban ?] experience.

ASHLEY: I do not have an internet addiction.

HOST: [LAUGHS]

ASHLEY: I do not rely heavily upon the internet every day while I'm at work.

HOST: [CHUCKLES]

ASHLEY: And the telephone, they're going to find me.

[LAUGHTER]

SANDRA: Yes, they will. [CHUCKLES]

MANDA: If they find out the truth.

LEE: It's a very addictive thing. It is.

ASHLEY: That's why I don't use it.

LEE: Yeah, and I'm pretty sure that most people--

HOST: (WHISPERS) Jimmy, wake up.

LEE: Hold on. I'm getting a message here. OK. That most people came out first on the internet, is that right? Any of you guys--

SANDRA: Actually, no. I didn't really get into the internet [INAUDIBLE] too much of it.

TARA: No, I came out [INAUDIBLE] like, hello, this is me.

MANDA: I think--

ALAN: I like that.

MANDA: --I found myself-- my gayness-- through the internet--

ALAN: Yeah.

MANDA: --looking at things--

LEE: Oh, there it is.

TARA: Oh.

MANDA: --not like--

TARA: I can see that.

MANDA: --lesbian porn or anything. But--

HOST: [INAUDIBLE]

MANDA: --I would go to sites where like queer.com something like gay.com and go to chat rooms or something. I don't know.

MICHAEL: I felt like gay.com--

LEE: Yeah.

MICHAEL: --had a big negative influence because it seemed like people there-- it was mostly focused on the sexual relations, whereas--

HOST: (GUTTURAL VOICE) "Relations."

MICHAEL: Sorry.

HOST: (GUTTURAL VOICE) "Relations." I hate the word "relations"--

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

MICHAEL: --know each other very biblically. Yeah, I mean, from what I've been--

HOST: Really?

MICHAEL: From what I've just been introduced to and discussed with people, it was that gay.com was more an outlet to get laid.

JIMMY: Yeah, well, people can say that about chat rooms, too, but it also gave you a chance-- well, for me, it gave me a chance to talk to-- it was like my pre-HATCH. It gave me a chance to talk to other kids, like me--

MANDA: Yeah.

JIMMY: --just so I wouldn't feel all weird and gross about it.

MANDA: Yeah, and I would read other people's experiences of coming out and stuff, and I'm like, hmm, ideas. [CHUCKLES]

JIMMY: Yeah.

MANDA: [? I'm ?] not like, oh, I'm going to run and tell my mom right away. But it gave me more of a stable way to come out.

JIMMY: Yeah, that's excellent. That's totally you. We're on the same page here. I like that.

MANDA: (WHISPERS) [INAUDIBLE].

HOST: [CHUCKLES]

JUSTIN: Has anyone ever come out to you-- anyone on the panel-- over the internet for the first time and said, hey, I'm gay?

LEE: Actually, yeah. I'm currently talking to a friend who will remain anonymous, of course.

JUSTIN: Of course.

LEE: And they talk to me about their sexual confusion and everything. And of course, the only advice that I can give them is, well, I don't know. I don't-- I can't tell you anything because I don't know what's going on in your head. Only you can find that out. So I just talk to him and hear what he has to say, and I tell him what I think about things. But when it comes to kids that are sexually confused, I don't want to touch that with a 40-foot pole because I don't want to lead them in the wrong direction.

MANDA: Right.

SANDRA: Yeah, [? I know exactly what you're saying. ?]

MANDA: I dated a girl who-- we first became friends, and she wasn't gay at first. And then the more we talked, the more gayer she got. And she was like, I'm a lesbian, one day. And we ended up dating. We met on the internet.

LEE: That's probably because the more comfortable she got with herself--

TARA: I can't believe you dated someone off the internet.

[LAUGHTER]

ASHLEY: Oh, ma.

MANDA: I'm not dating [INAUDIBLE].

ASHLEY: That's just trashy.

[LAUGHTER]

SANDRA: And exactly,

ASHLEY: Hello.

SANDRA: Tara, how many people off the internet have you dated?

ASHLEY: Where did you come from?

TARA: No. Remember? I don't go on the internet.

JUSTIN: She lost count.

MANDA: I'm from New York, remember? I'm here for you, baby.

TARA: No, you're not.

MANDA: Uh-huh.

LEE: Which leads us to LiveJournal. Hey.

TARA: Come on.

MANDA: I love LiveJournal.

HOST: What's up?

LEE: Hey.

JUSTIN: I love LiveJournal. LiveJournal is a godsend. [INAUDIBLE]

TARA: That's where I met you.

MANDA: [INAUDIBLE]--

LEE: Can someone describe LiveJournal? Because I think I'll just crap it up.

HOST: Wait, I have a question.

HOST: [INAUDIBLE]

MICHAEL: LiveJournal is a bottomless pit of everybody's business.

TARA: LiveJournal is just that a live journal.

HOST: [LAUGHS]

MICHAEL: People log online, and they type up their journal. And people can read it, and they can give little cute comments about it.

ASHLEY: [INAUDIBLE]

MICHAEL: Just a little. LiveJournal [? aka ?] mortal sin.

JUSTIN: Just for everyone [INAUDIBLE]--

MANDA: It's a really big drama outlet, too.

JUSTIN: --it's LiveJournal.com. LiveJournal.com.

MANDA: If I want to talk bad about Jimmy-- he lives in the same house as me-- I can go and type it all over my journal. Later on, he can read it, and then he can reply.

JUSTIN: And then we can call up on the drama and be like, hmm, I can't believe she just said that about you.

MANDA: I want no more.

MICHAEL: I know.

ASHLEY: And then, did you hear?

MICHAEL: And then--

ASHLEY: Who said?

MICHAEL: --people of other states--

ASHLEY: And then, [INAUDIBLE].

MICHAEL: --can start rumors, and it's great.

[LAUGHS]

MANDA: It is great.

TARA: Oh.

MICHAEL: It is nationwide gossip.

TARA: Don't even get me started on that.

HOST: [CHUCKLES]

MANDA: I have drama.

SANDRA: It's the way it works.

LEE: [SIGHS] It's just like chat rooms. It's a great way to start fights that you wouldn't have been able to start before. But then it's also a good way. It's also got a lot of good points in it, too.

TARA: Too loud.

MANDA: I use my LiveJournal as a vent. I use it a lot.

TARA: Yeah, you do.

MANDA: And I usually only write about what's going on in my head, how I feel. I don't use it as let's have sex or anything-- like nothing like that.

HOST: Yeah.

HOST: [? What ?] [? a ?] way to have sex.

LEE: There's a lot of guys--

TARA: Hey, there's nothing wrong with that.

LEE: --that are posting--

TARA: [INAUDIBLE].

LEE: --about that. But me, it's like, whenever I have a random or crazy idea, I just go on LiveJournal and type it out. And it's fun to see what people think about it, too.

MANDA: Right.

LEE: I thought if other people are thinking the same way. But there are people that use it to start fights or use it to tell their bizarre, crazy sex stories so everyone can tell them how cool they are.

MANDA: Like Tara?

SANDRA: And LiveJournal has taken certain measures to keep that out of it, like making sure that to get a LiveJournal, you have to have been referred to by a friend. And they try to keep down on the people that are just going to leave posts on your journal that are inflammatory and just rude.

LEE: Yeah.

SANDRA: They try to keep it so that the people who use it, the people who [? are ?] actually evaluate, know what it's worth.

ALAN: They also have review of communities that review a lot of journals, and they delete journals that are posting things that are inappropriate.

LEE: What about all the erotica journals that are out there? Do they delete these?

MANDA: I don't think erotica would be considered inappropriate because it's not like they're posting it for people to come and get off on. They're posting it because it's like a way-- people enjoy things like that.

LEE: Oh, yeah, and it's [? awesome ?] to me.

MANDA: But no, because I write poetry, and I put it in lesbian erotica journals.

LEE: Uh-huh.

MANDA: And it's directed towards that community. I don't direct it towards other people. I don't think--

LEE: There are also people out there that say that it's a form of art, be it its writing, be it erotic--

MANDA: I think--

LEE: --or not at all.

MANDA: --it differs between who is-- [? if ?] maybe you think it's porn, I think it's art. I think sexually directed poetry is still a form of art. It's--

LEE: Yeah.

MANDA: --poetry.

SANDRA: Yeah, I'm right there with you. And I believe in love [INAUDIBLE].

MANDA: And other people can be like, oh.

LEE: I can totally understand that.

ALAN: Well, for example, two weeks ago, I turned in this one chick for she is 15 years old, posting nude pictures of herself, and her journal got deleted. So--

LEE: Yeah.

ALAN: --I found that inappropriate, so I turned her in.

MANDA: Ooh, yeah, that's really inappropriate.

LEE: Good call.

HOST: [LAUGHS]

SANDRA: Great.

LEE: Very good call.

ALAN: Well, since that's illegal. [CHUCKLES]

LEE: It being child porn and all, [? that's just that bad. ?]

JUSTIN: Well, she was a little entrepreneur, wasn't she?

HOST: [CHUCKLES]

JUSTIN: EBay, here I come.

[LAUGHTER]

ALAN: Oh, no.

[KISSING SOUND]

LEE: Yeah. Well, another thing that the internet makes possible is long-distance relationships that probably wouldn't be able to--

MANDA: How you doing?

LEE: --happen.

ASHLEY: How you doing?

MANDA: [CHUCKLES]

SANDRA: Hm.

TARA: Hey.

JUSTIN: How many relationships here has--

TARA: She has something to--

JUSTIN: --started through LiveJournal?

TARA: [INAUDIBLE]! Us? That's how me and Manda met each other.

MANDA: Me and Tara met--

ALAN: All my friendships.

MANDA: --on LiveJournal.

TARA: We did. I started-- I posted in a lesbian online journal, and it was not--

MANDA: Not erotica.

[LAUGHTER]

TARA: No.

MANDA: Not erotica.

JUSTIN: Just [? so we get there. ?]

TARA: It was just a random post of it being a rainy day and what a nice day it would be at home to be drinking tea. And-

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MANDA: [INAUDIBLE].

TARA: --she went [INAUDIBLE].

MICHAEL: Oh, chai tea.

MANDA: And then live with me.

TARA: And she--

HOST: Aw.

TARA: --went and read my LiveJournal and started leaving posts. And then we started posting back and forth. And we started IM'ing back and forth. And then--

MICHAEL: Second base of--

TARA: --we started talking.

MICHAEL: --the internet.

[LAUGHTER]

Ooh.

MANDA: That's seriously is it, right?

MICHAEL: It is.

TARA: And then when we started talking.

MANDA: We started talking on the phone.

TARA: Way too much.

MICHAEL: Third base.

MANDA: We talk on the phone so much [INAUDIBLE] outrageous.

JIMMY: That's like way-- that's home.

TARA: Yeah, we had--

JIMMY: Yeah, that's home.

MICHAEL: That is at home.

TARA: --outrageous--

JIMMY: That's so home,

SANDRA: No.

TARA: --phone bills.

SANDRA: Home is meeting in person.

MICHAEL: Yeah, home is meeting in person.

MANDA: So we've--

HOST: Ah, yeah.

MANDA: --met [? at home. ?]

TARA: And then she came to Houston. [GIGGLES]

JUSTIN: And then--

MANDA: Here I am.

JUSTIN: --there's a whole another set of bases. [CHUCKLES]

LEE: Oh, no, let's not, OK? What does that say?

SANDRA: It says, "try not to adjust--"

JIMMY: "Try not to adjust the mic."

HOST: [LAUGHS]

JIMMY: Because it's all squeaky. I'm sorry. Oh, that's why you wrote it down and didn't tell us. OK.

MICHAEL: All right, so how about y'all just leave the mic stands alone because it makes a lot of squeaking in the background, a [? distraction? ?]

HOST: OK.

HOST: OK.

HOST: Yeah.

TARA: Don't do this.

[LAUGHTER]

JIMMY: This is not making any noise.

JUSTIN: And especially--

LEE: Oh, I can hear.

JUSTIN: --don't break the freaking microphone.

SANDRA: Just like [? touch, ?] [? I ?] just did.

TARA: I did--

SANDRA: Way to go breaking stuff.

TARA: --this, so my microphone was squeak-free.

MANDA: I think that some relationships met over Livejournal are a little too dramatic. People, they're like--

TARA: Like ours almost was?

MANDA: No, ours wasn't that traumatic. It could have been worse.

[NOISE IN THE BACKGROUND]

But--

ASHLEY: [GIGGLES]

MANDA: --I know people have habits of meeting many girls and like--

MICHAEL: I have so many to choose from.

MANDA: But lesbian community is so small. I seriously think there's more homosexual men than there ever will be lesbians.

LEE: I think there are studies that can--

SANDRA: Yeah I agree.

LEE: --prove you on that.

MANDA: Yeah, and--

ALAN: Subway, right?

MANDA: --I think [INAUDIBLE] just the small [INAUDIBLE].

SANDRA: It's [INAUDIBLE] with the HATCH.

MANDA: So this is like, everyone goes with everyone. It's like Houston. No offense, guys, but I noticed that everyone's just been with everyone because the population is so small. And that's how it is on Livejournal, too.

LEE: Yeah, I think that's the way it is in every gay community.

MICHAEL: I haven't been with anybody in this booth. Thank you very much.

MANDA: But you want to be.

MICHAEL: What? What?

TARA: What? What?

MICHAEL: What? I'm sorry. What was that?

HOST: [LAUGHS]

SANDRA: [GASPS]

MICHAEL: Haven't [? mooned ?] nobody.

SANDRA: Oh, my.

JUSTIN: You want to-- You want to--

SANDRA: Oh, my.

JUSTIN: Let's go--

MICHAEL: No, that's fine.

JUSTIN: This is now *The Justin Show*. How's it going, everybody? Your mics have just been turned off, and you are listening to--

TARA: I'm almost done fixing mine!

JUSTIN: All right, now, Tara's microphone has been turned off, and you are now listening to only me. Welcome to the HATCH segment of *After Hours*.

TARA: [INAUDIBLE] the same booth [INAUDIBLE] they can still hear me.

JUSTIN: Remember, the HATCH is Houston Area Teen Coalition for Homosexuals. If you would like to reach us and leave your name and number and are between the ages of 13 and 21, we can be reached at 713-942-7002. Remember, a name and number is all that is necessary. And someone will get back to you as soon as possible. Thank you. And we're now returning back to our HATCH segment. Calm down, freaks.

HOST: [LAUGHS]

TARA: I fixed it. I fixed it myself.

JUSTIN: You fixed it yourself.

TARA: I did.

ASHLEY: Tara's so special.

LEE: Oh, right.

TARA: I know. That's what the lady that drives the little yellow bus said to me, too.

[LAUGHTER]

SANDRA: She is so right.

LEE: That's great--

SANDRA: Hey, my sister--

LEE: --not very [INAUDIBLE].

SANDRA: --rides the little yellow bus.

LEE: Yeah, that's not very [INAUDIBLE].

TARA: There's nothing wrong with it. Oh my god.

SANDRA: Right, Tara? You trying to mess with my sister?

TARA: Yes, I am.

JUSTIN: I believe it was a direct attack. I say I'll duke it out to the death.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

TARA: --there's lots of what I've said, [? and ?] [? want ?] [? to ?] take this fight outside in the mud.

ALAN: [INAUDIBLE] seen your abs?

SANDRA: Yes, I do.

HOST: [? I see you. ?] You have very good abs. How do you get those abs?

SANDRA: Who, me?

JUSTIN: Those are her masturbation muscles. Well, anyways.

[LAUGHTER]

SANDRA: No.

LEE: Yeah.

TARA: Hey, Lee.

LEE: Online relationships--

TARA: Lee. Hey.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

HOST: Shh.

TARA: OK, here's the new rule-- stop saying bad words online.

HOST: [LAUGHING]

JIMMY: Stop saying bad words "online"?

TARA: On air. I'm sorry. On air.

ALAN: See, she is addicted--

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

TARA: Jimmy, oh, you're busted now.

HOST: [GIGGLES]

MICHAEL: For real.

TARA: Jimmy, busted down friend.

JUSTIN: What's the funny internet side effect is--

MICHAEL: We need the HATCH kids [INAUDIBLE].

JUSTIN: --when you start saying chat room lingo out loud.

TARA: Hey, guys.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

ALAN: --out loud.

TARA: BRB.

HOSTS: "Hahahahaha."

JUSTIN: Yeah, it's--

MANDA: And we're caught.

JUSTIN: --like, someone says something funny, and you feel like saying LOL. And you're like, oh, damn, I need to get off that.

ALAN: Or posting a smiley face.

[LAUGHTER]

ASHLEY: Smile!

JUSTIN: I really wish you could just, like, above your head like-- you know how, in the *Sims*, there's a little--

SANDRA: Oh, that is so nice.

JUSTIN: --emoticon that just like, bloop?

SANDRA: That is so cute. I want one of those.

JUSTIN: I wish you could do that. You know that you're addicted to LiveJournal when people like, how do you feel today? The first thing that pops in your head is not a word but a little picture of some little cat or a potato with a smiley face on it.

[LAUGHTER]

JIMMY: The little emoticon.

HOST: [INAUDIBLE].

SANDRA: Oh, I want a potato with a smiley face on it.

JIMMY: I don't know [INAUDIBLE] right now.

JUSTIN: They do. They have little potato emoticons. They're little potatoes, and they each do different things. Like, if it's mad, it's like a hot potato, and it gets all red and flustered. Huh.

HOST: (WHISPERS) What? [INAUDIBLE].

ASHLEY: Oh, your brother's holding my leg.

HOST: (WHISPERS) What?

JUSTIN: Has anyone ever had an online relationship before they had a real relationship?

JIMMY: Yes.

JUSTIN: I know I have.

TARA: Oh, we did. [SCOFF]

JUSTIN: Yeah.

MANDA: What?

JIMMY: Yeah.

MICHAEL: Why don't you explain?

MANDA: No, it really wasn't an online relationship, though, because you [? are ?] [? sending ?] most of it on the phone.

TARA: That's true.

LEE: Back when--

TARA: We have our phone bills to prove that.

LEE: --I was 13, I have two online boyfriends.

TARA: Oh, you mean--

ALAN: Same here.

TARA: --like before--

JIMMY: [GASPS]

TARA: --dating in general?

JIMMY: [SCOFFS] Cheater.

LEE: Yeah. No! Not at the same time.

JIMMY: Oh.

MANDA: I've had one other girlfriend online.

JUSTIN: You're playing a different field, Lee. Huh?

MANDA: I've had one other girlfriend online, and she lives six hours away. And it was just mostly online because she couldn't afford to call her. But it didn't work out, [INAUDIBLE].

TARA: We couldn't either, but we did.

JUSTIN: Yeah. I don't know. Long-distance relationships, I don't think they can unless you have a means to talk on the phone all the time. But if you can't afford it, I mean, it's really hard, especially if it's just online. I don't know. I have the thing. I like to hear people's voice.

MANDA: I do, too.

LEE: Yeah.

TARA: I fall asleep to it every night.

HOSTS: Aw.

TARA: No, don't say, aw.

HOSTS: Aw.

[LAUGHTER]

TARA: I want to kill every one of you.

HOSTS: Aw.

LEE: She requested it. [INAUDIBLE].

TARA: all going to die.

LEE: Let's go. Let's go for it.

TARA: [INAUDIBLE].

LEE: [VOCALIZING] Oh or "ee."

HOST: [CHUCKLES]

JUSTIN: How about "I"? [INAUDIBLE].

HOST: [VOCALIZING "EE"]

HOST: "Eye."

HOST: Ew.

JUSTIN: I can do with that one.

LEE: Yeah, but mine and Michael's relationships are on my journal, kinda, sorta maybe.

HOST: Yeah. Yeah, I did.

HOST: We met each other first, but then we kept in contact through LiveJournal. Funny story, but I won't tell you about that.

HOST: I would.

MANDA: Me and Tara--

SANDRA: Go for it.

MANDA: --just met on the 10th, or was it the ninth? It was at ninth.

HOST: Yeah, you guys have been here down from New York--

MANDA: For two weeks.

HOST: --for a long, long time.

HOST: Long time.

TARA: And we've been talking--

HOST: Well, it feels like--

MANDA: We've been here 17 [? weeks. ?]

HOST: [? Because ?] you like [? better. ?]

HOST: Well, two weeks in gay boy time is like two months now.

HOST: Gay boy time. We're an alien now. Our weeks are different.

SANDRA: We all are different.

MANDA: I know, and we [? try-- ?]

HOST: [INAUDIBLE] .

MANDA: --to go home.

HOST: Where's my planet?

MANDA: I don't want to go home.

SANDRA: Especially the difference between gay boy time--

HOST: What?

SANDRA: --and lesbian time.

HOST: That's what I'm say-- well, we have Key West. That's like a planet.

HOST: Kind of. My house has been like a planet recently.

HOST: Yeah.

TARA: No, it's been more like a commune.

HOST: But orbiting? [CHUCKLES]

HOST: Population, none.

HOST: This is a HATCH radio show. [INAUDIBLE].

HOST: Orbiting around the Montrose area.

HOST: (WHISPERS) Yes, I get that part.

HOST: (WHISPERS) OK.

HOST: Well, anyways-- hey, guys, whispering across the thing doesn't-- because you notice, even though you're whispering, you can still hear each other. And there's a wall in between you, meaning it's going through the stereos and through all this equipment.

TARA: Yes. [INAUDIBLE].

HOST: So even the audio-- oh, really? Because I'm going to have to turn some mics off now. Goodbye.

HOST: Hey.

HOST: No.

TARA: I'll just talk louder, then.

HOST: We can still hear [INAUDIBLE].

TARA: So all of mics can hear me.

HOST: Oh, really?

[LAUGHTER]

TARA: I have no problem being loud.

HOST: All right, so the time--

SANDRA: Yes, we know the time.

HOST: --is now 2:20. And since Tara's being really loud, we're going to go to a break. How about some of that?

TARA: No, it's 1:20.

HOST: It's 1:20.

HOST: Hey, guys.

HOST: Oh, daylight saving time.

HOST: That's right, 1:20. because--

JUSTIN: That's right. I'm right. He was wrong.

HOST: Because people don't know how to change the time.

TARA: I want that documented. Aw. He hit me.

HOST: I'm kicking--

TARA: Aw.

HOST: --you three times.

HOST: I wish you could see her happy dance.

[LAUGHTER]

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

HOST: --the feather boa.

SANDRA: And [INAUDIBLE] happy dance.

TARA: [HUMMING]

MANDA: She scares me.

HOST: Oh, no.

SANDRA: [GIGGLES] And she's throwing her boa across the room.

MANDA: Don't do it, Tara.

HOST: Do it, Tara. Come on.

MANDA: I don't recommend it.

HOST: The cool kids are doing it, Tara. You know you want to be cool. Come on.

TARA: I am cool. What do you mean "want to be"?

HOST: [CHUCKLES] Oh, our mics on again?

SANDRA: Yes.

HOST: Oh.

HOST: Woo-hoo-hoo!

HOST: Oh, OK.

HOST: [INAUDIBLE].

HOST: Mics have been on the whole time.

HOST: Tell me this. See, you have to inform us when our mics are on so we don't say things that are inappropriate or [? unjust. ?]

HOST: Your mics have been on the whole time. I said I was turning it on [INAUDIBLE].

MANDA: Tara, sit down.

ALAN: And then we'll get one of those yellow notes again.

HOST: The yellow notes.

HOST: Are any of you guys wearing headphones?

HOST: Oh, just now?

HOST: I am.

ASHLEY: No.

HOST: No, there's just two headphones back here.

HOST: [INAUDIBLE] just hear me? Who's got the other one?

HOST: If you would like to donate--

SANDRA: Manda's got one. I have the other.

HOST: --headphones at HATCH--

HOST: For real.

HOST: --feel free.

HOST: Yes, well.

HOSTS: Oh my god!

HOST: Oh my god!

JIMMY: Oh, no. Ugh.

HOST: Don't flash us--

SANDRA: [INAUDIBLE] flashing us.

HOST: Ah.

HOST: [? I got pregnant. ?]

HOST: Oh my god!

HOST: Tara.

HOST: [GIGGLES]

HOST: Hide those things, god.

HOST: She [? wants ?] a flashing [? show ?] thingy on.

SANDRA: [INAUDIBLE].

HOST: It looks like there's a butt sticking out of the top of your dress.

[LAUGHTER]

HOST: Will you cover-- your [GAGS] What?

SANDRA: That was sweet.

ASHLEY: That was so nice.

HOST: (WHISPERS) Guys.

HOST: Yes?

HOST: You got mega cleavage you have there.

HOST: You just wish you had some.

TARA: I do have mega cleavage. Thank you.

HOST: Bet you he wants your boobies.

MANDA: I don't see it.

HOST: And if you get the mega cleavage and the super cleavage, you can form ultra mega cleavage. I'm on.

TARA: Call now. Just \$9.99 a month.

[LAUGHTER]

JIMMY: Oh, no. [TITTERS]

HOST: Why are you pulling your ear?

HOST: So I can [INAUDIBLE].

HOST: Oh, OK. All right, online relationships, yeah. Some say they work. Some say they don't. Hey, what's up with that?

TARA: It depends. There's been some people I met online, and they're crazy.

HOST: [GIGGLES]

TARA: In fact, I'm going to go out on a limb here and say they've all been crazy--

HOST: Well, we can talk about--

TARA: --except for that one.

HOST: --the problem with that.

HOST: Except one? Huh.

HOST: Yeah.

ALAN: Well, I think mine and Lee's relationship as friends grew stronger over the internet because we got to talk more, I guess, and I guess I got to show myself more to the internet through my artistic expression. I'm posting poetry.

HOST: Oh, yeah, that's like an excellent way to--

ALAN: Get to know friends.

HOST: Yeah, there you go.

MANDA: I met a girl who tried to stab me.

HOST: Ooh, that's just wrong.

HOST: That's sweet. That's sweet.

HOST: That's so nice.

TARA: That wasn't me, I swear.

HOST: That's actually not nice. That's actually really bad.

MANDA: Yeah, it was really freaky. Like, she came to my house and wouldn't go away. And me and Jimmy [CHUCKLES] and people did not like her, and we tried to get rid of her. But she was like a crazy stalker and tried to kill me.

HOST: [INAUDIBLE] [? how ?] you're going to scare people.

HOST: Yeah, that can happen, too.

MANDA: It's truthful, though. People should be prewarn and really have a good feelings about someone before they meet them.

HOST: Yeah, just as a note, if anyone out there is going to meet someone they've met online--

MANDA: Bring someone with you.

HOST: --be very careful.

HOST: Yeah.

HOST: And make sure it's in a public place.

MANDA: Like, Tara brought her mom, and I brought Jimmy with me. And everything was fine.

HOST: And find out--

TARA: And then we drove back from Dallas.

MANDA: And we kissed in the backseat.

HOST: Gross.

HOST: Yeah.

HOST: For real. We don't--

HOST: Not sweet.

HOST: --want to hear [? that, wouldn't be-- ?]

HOST: Shut up.

HOST: [? --hearing ?] [? you ?] [? do ?] that.

HOST: Gross.

HOST: Shut up now.

HOST: As a matter of--

SANDRA: In front of her mom?

HOST: --fact, that was so gross. On that note, we're going to have to take a little break here. All right.

HOST: Breaky, breaky.

HOST: We have two lovely artists lined up for you, and we'll tell--

HOST: All right.

HOST: --you a little about them when we come back from our little break.

MANDA: [INAUDIBLE]

HOST: [GIGGLES]

HOST: For real.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

Smoky, smoky time.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

JIMMY CARPER: OK, we're back, and we're going to take a little breather in between the HATCH segment and put on Dean Becker.

DEAN BECKER Good evening.

(ON PHONE):

JIMMY CARPER: Hey.

DEAN BECKER Good evening.

(ON PHONE):

JIMMY CARPER: Dean Becker, how you doing?

DEAN BECKER I'm great, Jimmy. How are y'all doing?

(ON PHONE):

JIMMY CARPER: Wonderful, wonderful. What's up?

DEAN BECKER Oh, I don't know. I'm such an optimist. I got some good news for you this week.

(ON PHONE):

JIMMY CARPER: Hey, good.

DEAN BECKER There was a meeting of anti-prohibitionist at the European Parliament in Brussels this past week. There were
(ON PHONE): drug reformers from both sides of the Atlantic, met in Brussels on October 15 and 16 to compare experiences and plot strategy for the effort to end global prohibition.

Yes. It was sponsored by parliamentarians for anti-prohibitionist action political network spearheaded by members of the European Parliament from Italy, Great Britain, contingent of US activists from DRC-NET. And California NORML also showed up over there. And the conference was designed to open and debate reforming drug policy in the international institutions.

Here's a quote from the member of parliament, Marco Caputo, and he says, quote, "We believe it is fundamental to prevent international institutions from becoming merely a neutral forum where international agreements are perceived as something carved in stone and unchangeable."

JIMMY CARPER: Mm-hmm.

DEAN BECKER A secondary story happened down in-- along the Mexican border. American vigilantes said they were only
(ON PHONE): protecting property, but--