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JIMMY CARPER: Oh, yes. You've tuned in to *After Hours*, queer radio with attitude right here on KPFT Houston 90.1 FM. The crew of *After Hours* is ready to bring you news, interviews, dialogue, and music geared for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered people and their friends.

Here at *After Hours*, we may be diverse, but we have one thing in common. We are all out of the closet and urge everyone to come out of their closets. That means standing up for yourself, taking responsibility for your own life, and being proud of who you are.

Realistically, we know not everyone can do that because of age, job, or frame of mind. That's OK. We're here for you too. So sit back, relax, and enjoy this week's edition of *After Hours*.

Hello, Houston and College Station, and welcome to *After Hours*, queer radio with attitude. I'm Jimmy Carper, and I'll be your producer for this evening. This is the May 4 show.

And I want to first say hello to all my MBBs out there. And I've got quite a few letters that came in this week from you guys. And I just got them tonight. I haven't had a chance to read any of them yet. So I'll be commenting on those next week.

But hello, Paul, and Michael, and Randy, and Randy, and Wilson, and oh, that hunk, Junior, yeah. Junior, hurry up, and get out. I got to see you in the flesh.

And let's see. Tonight, we have got-- this is the first Saturday of the month, so we've got Bi-Net on the first half of the show. And at 1:30, we're going to have a call in from Dean Becker giving us the latest from Cultural Baggage. It's the latest news on medical marijuana.

And at 1:45, we've got Big Roy coming in with the *After Hours News and Views* magazine. And he's going to be talking to-- talking about-- well, you'll see.

Anyway, let's see. A couple of things before we get into it. Calling all boys, the boy of Montrose 2002 contest will be held on Sunday, June 30. And I know that's a far way off, but we want to-- this is for folks who want to enter the contest.

Categories that will be judged are appearance, question and answer, and fantasy boyware. So that ought to be kind of funny-- fun and-- or funny. --and a speech of three minutes on the topic of the contestant's choice. Applications are available at Studio 911 or the Ripcord. You may call Don Gill at 713-520-0911, Studio 11, and get some more information about that.

The Lesbian Health Initiative of Houston will host the Lesbian-- Lesbian Health Initiative Rainbow Health Fair on Saturday, June the 8th. And we know that's also in the future too.

But there is a reason that we're telling you this. They are offering free mammograms and other health screenings, will also offer wellness discussions for women. The thing of it is you have to schedule the mammogram.

So get in touch with these folks now at 713-603-0023, and leave a message if you want to schedule a mammogram. Your call will be returned. Or you may email us at lhihoustonoo@aol.com. So we'll be talking more about that in weeks to come. That was from Stacy Langley, who happens to be in the lobby right now breastfeeding her baby.

MAN: And I'm sure she's so thrilled you just told the world that.

JIMMY CARPER: Well, you know, that's what she was doing. And he's one-year-old. Yeah, and she's still feeding him. Yes. Well, hey. Happy May, everyone.

And those of you who came out to the Next Door Coffee House, this is from Sweet Mama Cotton, a very good friend of *After Hours*. Sweet Mama Cotton and Joey Bowers will be playing this week at a cool venue on the West Side. Thanks to TC Smythe for introducing us to the First Tee.

Come out and check out this hideaway. Here's the details. It's Tuesday, May the 7th from 7:00 to 10:00 PM at the First Tee, T-E-E. That's at-- oh, get this, 12589, 12589 Whittington Drive. That's right off of Dairy Ashford.

And I'm going to give you the number because if you don't have a map, you probably want to call them and ask for more specific directions. It's 281-556-1691. And Sweet Mama and all the Sugar Daddies will be playing the next two Sundays, Sunday, Sunday, Sunday, yes, indeedy, at the Central Market 3815 Western Heimer. Yes, that's right, Western Heimer. And-- well, it's better than-- my friend from out of town who calls it Alzheimer.

[LAUGHTER]

And of course, you can hear Marcy Ray at the Briar Patch every Wednesday night at the Piano Bar. And let's see, let's see, let's see, let's see, let's see. We've got some other things that we want to tell you about, happenings that are happening. But it is quarter after, and it is time for Bisexual Folks.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

MAN: And we've got a special show tonight.

JIMMY CARPER: Do we?

MAN: Yeah. But before we go into tonight's show, I want to let you know that this is-- Good Vibrations has named this Masturbation Month.

JIMMY CARPER: I've got that. I've got an email from Scott Tillinghast saying, hey, last year, May was National Masturbation Month. Is it going to be held again? And so I was going to ask--

MAN: Oh, yes. It is going on.

JIMMY CARPER: There you go.

MAN: Not only that. If you go to their website, you can raise money as you masturbate by getting people to pledge minutes of masturbation time during the month.

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, really?

MAN: Really, yes. They've got a form you can download and the whole thing. And you just get your friends to pledge so much per minute while you masturbate. And you keep a log of it, and then get them to pay up, and then send the check in to Good Vibrations.

JIMMY CARPER: That's a hell of a lot more fun than their stupid walks.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

MAN: And you don't get blisters on your feet.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

MAN: Anyway, and in lieu of that, tonight's show is going to be on the male member and how to get it off, everything you want to know about the penis. And we have a special guest on hold. It's Dr. Fritz Klein, so--

JIMMY CARPER: And he knows.

MAN: And he knows. So why don't we bring him online?

JIMMY CARPER: OK, let me make sure I can do this. I got a note from Big Roy saying that his guest in the second half of the show was Ray Hill, and he's going to be discussing gays in prison.

MAN: Oh, OK.

JIMMY CARPER: So that's cool. Let me see if I can do this.

FRITZ KLEIN Hello?

(ON PHONE):

JIMMY CARPER: Hey, Fritz.

FRITZ KLEIN Hi, there.

(ON PHONE):

JIMMY CARPER: How you been?

FRITZ KLEIN Doing very well.

(ON PHONE):

JIMMY CARPER: Welcome to *After Hours*. Good to have you back on the show again.

FRITZ KLEIN What was it, about a year ago or a year and a half?

(ON PHONE):

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah, something like that. But now it's at the last conference, wasn't it?

FRITZ KLEIN No. No. It was before that.

(ON PHONE):

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, OK. That's right. But anyway--

FRITZ KLEIN Anyway, I'm delighted to be on the show.

(ON PHONE):

JIMMY CARPER: Thank you.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

JIMMY CARPER: I wanted to touch on the subject of the male member, a little bit of an anatomy lesson just to educate people on the mechanics of it, how it works. Can you fill us in?

FRITZ KLEIN Well, do you want-- what specific part of the male member are we talking about? Are we talking about the whole

(ON PHONE): penis, the shaft, the head, the frenulum?

JIMMY CARPER: Everything.

FRITZ KLEIN All of it.

(ON PHONE):

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah.

FRITZ KLEIN But when we talk about male genitalia, we always have to also include the testicles because it comes as a

(ON PHONE): package.

JIMMY CARPER: And what a lovely package it is.

FRITZ KLEIN So what do you think your audience would like to know about the male member?

(ON PHONE):

JIMMY CARPER: We did a show on female sexuality. And basically, part of what I wanted to cover tonight is how it works, some of the things you don't just get in biology, but how erections work, what causes them, some the mechanics of sex. And then we'll get into some of the more how to get it off.

FRITZ KLEIN OK. Well, there are-- the penis basically is used for two purposes in the male body. One is for urination. The
(ON PHONE): bladder has the urethra, which is in the middle of the penis. And from the bladder, out comes the urine. So that's one aspect of the function of the penis.

The second function is a sexual function. And that deals with having the ability to get an erection. And that is done through the autonomic nervous system. And it's done automatically to two or three different ways.

Some people can get an erection just by thinking about sexual thoughts or a sexy person. Or it can be done by manual manipulation or manipulation or in different forms. But when you manipulate the penis, what happens is the blood flow starts flowing into the penis.

And through mechanisms, both hormonal, and biochemical, and physical, the blood stays in the penis as opposed to just going right back out. And it constricts the capillaries. And the veins constrict and don't let the blood out. And that's how you get an erection. And that's why the penis grows.

JIMMY CARPER: And I want to dispel a little bit of myth here because there's this performance anxiety and all kinds of things that can interfere.

FRITZ KLEIN Yes.
(ON PHONE):

JIMMY CARPER: And there's other ways of pleasuring besides-- you don't have to have an erection to pleasure.

FRITZ KLEIN Absolutely not. I mean, to pleasure someone else there-- you have a whole body to pleasure, including your
(ON PHONE): mind, which can make up even the other things. But in terms of intercourse, usually, you do need an erection.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah.

FRITZ KLEIN So if we're talking about intercourse, either vaginal or anal, more than likely, you do need an erection to do that.
(ON PHONE): However, that is not the end all of sexuality. Many people are very, very happy having sex and never having intercourse.

If we are talking in the gay scene, there are many men who don't like to have intercourse, either active or passive. And they would prefer much more fellatio, or cock sucking, or masturbation, or rubbing, or any number of things. And intercourse is not the main mode for many, many people.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah. And I know that Mickey Skee-- I think you're familiar with--

FRITZ KLEIN I know Mickey.
(ON PHONE):

JIMMY CARPER: I went to a workshop of his once where he went through a whole bunch of different techniques for masturbation. Are you familiar with some of those?

FRITZ KLEIN Yeah. I mean, he just talked about the different ways that men masturbate in terms of how they use their hands.
(ON PHONE): Some just rub the head. Some go up and down. Some twirl it-- do a twisting action. But those are all variations on the same thing. And that is the stimulation of the penis to get it aroused and then eventually have an orgasm.

JIMMY CARPER: The other part you touched on a little bit and I'd like to kind of backtrack to anal sex and whether being the receiver or the giver. Can you talk a little bit about the mechanics of anal sex?

FRITZ KLEIN Well, in terms of anal sex, you run into also a number of myths. And you also run into some people think that all
(ON PHONE): you have to do is say, all right, I'm going to have anal sex. I'm going to now, let's say, be the insider. All you have to do is lay back, open up, and in I go.

Usually, it does not work that way. Usually, you have to pleasure the person and get the person ready, so that the sphincter muscles can relax and open up to receive either a finger or a penis. And you just don't very quickly say, all right, here it is without it being a feedback situation between the two partners, whereby, the receiver basically lets the inserter know that he's ready to start receiving or is saying just go in just a little bit, go very slowly, things like that.

And one of the things you do need to use is lubrication. Now, the main thing that we have to talk about in these days is that one should never, never have intercourse without a condom. The question of HIV and AIDS is such that it has been proved again and again that the most common form of sexual transmission of the HIV virus is through anal sex.

It is not through fellatio. It's not through cock sucking. It is not through masturbation. It is not through kissing. It is through anal sex.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah.

FRITZ KLEIN And it works both ways. It is not just that the inserter gives it to the insertee. But rather, it could go either way.

(ON PHONE): And therefore, not only for sexually transmitted diseases other than HIV, but for HIV, most definitely, one should always, always, always-- you'll notice I repeat it again, and again, and again.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

FRITZ KLEIN Use a condom. I mean, I just want that point to come across.

(ON PHONE):

JIMMY CARPER: And we're big advocates on *After Hours* of safe sex. And I think, while we're on that topic, safe sex has different meanings for different people.

FRITZ KLEIN Yes.

(ON PHONE):

JIMMY CARPER: And I think that's where, once again, communication is all important because what you think is safer sex and practicing safer sex may be slightly different than what your partner thinks.

FRITZ KLEIN It might not even be slightly different.

(ON PHONE):

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

FRITZ KLEIN It'd be completely different. The way I like to joke about it, if you want 100% safe sex, you got to do over the phone. And even then, you got to be careful.

(ON PHONE):

Or another way to be 1,000,000% safe is you're at the other end of the room. And you just watch each other. You don't touch each other. And I must tell you, there are some people who will not go further than that. They will only, only watch and masturbate themselves and not the partner.

Now, safe sex, as I just mentioned, it has been shown again and again that the main mode of transmission of the virus is through anal intercourse. Everything goes down after that by quite a bit. And therefore, I would say mostly in the gay world, fellatio or-- I don't know. Do you use the word, cock sucking on your program?

JIMMY CARPER: Oh, yes.

FRITZ KLEIN (ON PHONE): OK. --is performed by lots, and lots, and lots of gay people. There are some people who will only permit it via condom, both receiving and giving it. But I must tell you that if I were having sex with someone new, those are the things that have to be discussed because if I am used to allowing cock sucking to take place without a condom, and my new partner has the opposite point of view that you have to wear a condom, you'll run into a lot of problems if you cannot talk about it.

WOMAN: Yeah, I think that's often a key point of contention, too, because oral sex is area where there's all this contradictory information out there where some people believe that it's safe enough, and other people don't. And it's really hard to get a consensus on what the degree of risk is there.

FRITZ KLEIN (ON PHONE): Well, there is a degree of risk, but it isn't high when you compare it to anal intercourse.

JIMMY CARPER: And one thing when we're talking about risk, I always like to keep it in perspective.

FRITZ KLEIN (ON PHONE): Yes.

JIMMY CARPER: Every time we get out and go driving in our automobiles on the freeway system, we are taking risk.

WOMAN: Absolutely.

JIMMY CARPER: We can do some things to minimize the risk by taking driving safety courses and--

FRITZ KLEIN (ON PHONE): --using seat belts.

JIMMY CARPER: --seat belts and taking all kinds of precautions. But we're still taking a risk. Same thing with sex. The more we learn about it, and educate ourselves, and learn about safer sex practices, the more informed we are, and we can make intelligent decisions to minimize that risk.

FRITZ KLEIN (ON PHONE): Right. For instance, there is one risk that seems to be pretty prevalent in terms of the more partners you have, the more risk you take. If you're in a monogamous committed relationship, and it is truly monogamous, your risk keeps going down, and down, and down to practically zero if you're with your partner for a very long time. But again, that is not to say that if your partner is using needles and drugs, you can be the recipient of the virus the next night even though he's monogamous.

As you say, there are risks no matter what you do. And as you say, the more about it-- and that's why a program like this is good because A, we like to entertain. And on the other hand, we also like to give information and educate.

JIMMY CARPER: I'd like to shift gears a little bit and talk about some other areas that are full of mythology about male sexuality.

FRITZ KLEIN (ON PHONE): OK.

JIMMY CARPER: And one of those areas is about males and their ability to have multiple orgasms or full-body orgasms.

FRITZ KLEIN (ON PHONE): Right. Well, that is full of myth. And it really is a variable that differs among different people. There are some men-- and this is quite common. And I would say this is probably for most men.

Well, let's put it this way. You start off-- all men have a refractory period after you have an orgasm. So you have an orgasm. Let's say you get an erection. You get an orgasm. And then you have a period where you really either can't get another erection, or you can't have another orgasm.

Now, most men, the average amount of orgasms that a man has varies all over the lot, everything from 10 times a day to once a year or less. And I think that the horrible thing is that everybody's trying to compare themselves to somebody else. Am I normal? Is this normal?

And so a guy comes to me and asks me, as a doctor, I'm really slowing down because now I'm only having one orgasm a night. I used to have two a night. Am I normal? And this is, let's say, a 30-year-old man talking.

Now, I would say that man is way above average. There's nothing to worry about. And yet, he's worried that he's losing his potency because the average man doesn't have an orgasm at night. Most men are quite satisfied to have it two or three times a week. And that's quite common.

There are other men that want to have sex every single day. And if they don't have it, they feel something is missing. So the question of frequency of orgasm is a tremendous variable, and it varies from person to person and from time to time. There could be periods of years where it's high and then periods of months which is low. And it just varies.

JIMMY CARPER: And we do go through cycles.

FRITZ KLEIN (ON PHONE): And you go through cycles also. Now, with respect to multiple orgasms, I do know for a fact that there are men that are able to have one orgasm after the other, let's say, within a relatively short period of time. So they can have an orgasm. And about two, three, four minutes later, they have another one. And maybe three or four minutes later, they have a third one.

That's almost multiple orgasms the way women have it. Women can just keep having an orgasm, after orgasm, after orgasm. Not all women, not all women by a long shot.

JIMMY CARPER: But I think that's one of the keys you're touching on right there is that we all are built a little bit different. We're all wired differently.

FRITZ KLEIN (ON PHONE): Yes.

JIMMY CARPER: And I try to do this with people I talk with. Throw normal out the window.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

WOMAN: You just find what's pleasurable for you and what works for you. I mean, everyone's going to be-- everyone has things they like and things they don't.

FRITZ KLEIN (ON PHONE): Yes. And it always depends on what's going on. I mean, if you have a conflicted man who has all sorts of problems in the sexual area, he could either be masturbating too much or afraid to masturbate. He could be having too many orgasms, or he can have no orgasms. And so the frequency or what you do really depends on how comfortable you are with inside yourself and how comfortable you are with sexuality. The more comfortable you are with sexuality in general, and the more comfortable you are about being able to talk about it and to feel comfortable with another person, and to be sensual, and to be intimate, and to hug, and kiss, and cuddle, you know that I'm bringing in all sorts of other aspects of sexuality which are just as important as just the orgasm.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah. And one of the things I try to focus on-- I do the temple of sacred sex from time to time. And in our culture, we are so programmed to be goal-oriented. We've got to reach the goal and achieve this grand orgasm. And it becomes the end-all to it. And it's like, so many people miss the whole trip of getting there.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

JIMMY CARPER: To me, that's what it's all about.

FRITZ KLEIN (ON PHONE): Yeah. Gigi, I must tell you that one of the things that has been an absolute blessing to me that is that as I've gotten older, I've become wiser in the sense that I can have an evening of wonderful sex without an orgasm and feel completely satisfied. As a young man of 20, that would have never come up as a possibility. If I didn't have the orgasm, I didn't have sex.

To me, today, orgasm does not equate sex. Sex is sex. And you can have it with orgasm or without orgasm.

JIMMY CARPER: And I'd like to also-- I know this happens very frequently with men. And we become-- or a lot of men become very genital-focused and forget about the rest of the body is a sex organ. And there are many erogenous zones.

FRITZ KLEIN (ON PHONE): The whole body is an erogenous zone. And the body can be trained that way. I know people who had absolutely no sexual sensation in terms of nipple play. And they trained themselves that it became a very erogenous zone. There never was in the first place.

JIMMY CARPER: What would be some of the steps to train yourself?

FRITZ KLEIN (ON PHONE): Well, by combining it with-- while you're being sexual. In other words, if you're being aroused, either by yourself or with a partner, and you start playing with your nipples, you begin to feel the sensation in the nipple as part of the sexual feeling that you're having in your genitals, and the sexual feeling your having in your blood, and the blood pressure, and all the myriad of things that go on while you're being sexual. And if you start including the nipples--

But it's not only the nipples. I mean, it could be the bottoms of your feet. It could be your calves. It could be touching very lightly. It could be stroking. It could be anything.

JIMMY CARPER: And I have given some excellent toe blowjobs.

FRITZ KLEIN (ON PHONE): There we go.

JIMMY CARPER: And that can be very erotic.

WOMAN: I'll but.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah, as well as other parts of the body. And the nice thing about toes, and fingers, and other parts of the body is that as you lick, and touch, and play with them, there's less risk of getting unwanted fluids, as long as there's not open bleeding cuts.

FRITZ KLEIN Correct. Correct. And then there are some parts of body that many people have that are erogenous right from the
(ON PHONE): get-go. And that is the neck, the side of the neck, the ear lobes, the ears, the back of the neck, the shoulders. I mean, those are, for many people, quite erogenous even if they've never tried it.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah. I had a question from one of our staff. And he was asking, how does someone prolong orgasm or ejaculation?

FRITZ KLEIN In other words, before you ejaculate?
(ON PHONE):

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah.

FRITZ KLEIN How do you keep it from having a very quick ejaculation?
(ON PHONE):

JIMMY CARPER: Right.

FRITZ KLEIN There are quite a number of things. Again, this is the question of training the body. One of the ways to do that--
(ON PHONE): let's make it a simple example. Let me give you two examples, one with masturbation and one with intercourse.

Let's assume with intercourse, you're having no orgasm after one to two minutes. In other words, you went to the other person, and within one to two minutes, you have an ejaculation, an orgasm. Let's say the exact same thing. If you're masturbating yourself, it'd usually takes you one to two minutes, and then off you come, right?

JIMMY CARPER: Mm-hmm.

FRITZ KLEIN Now, you can train yourself that before you ejaculate, you either get out of the partner, or stop masturbating, let
(ON PHONE): the erection either subside completely, or just calm down a bit. You can still stay erect, but the urgency to ejaculate, let it go down because see, ejaculation and erection are caused by two different autonomic nervous systems, the sympathetic and the parasympathetic. So they're really opposites that control the ejaculation from the erection. So you're going to have an erection without ejaculation, and you can have an ejaculation without even having an erection.

And so you can train yourself. But before you get to that point where you have to ejaculate, you just stop the sensation, whether it be you stop pumping, you stop going back and forth, you go out of your partner, you stop the masturbation, you slow down the masturbation, you don't put as much pressure on the penis. And when that feeling of urgency and inevitability stops, then you can start building it up again. And then you can lower it and build it up, lower it and build it up until you become pretty proficient at it. And then it's up to your mind more than your body as to when you want to have the orgasm.

JIMMY CARPER: I think another thing that can help-- and I learned this just by accident. But I started practicing kegel exercises. And that gave me a lot more control. Can you talk a little bit about the kegel exercises?

FRITZ KLEIN Well, let me ask you what it is you know, and let me just see if I agree with you.

(ON PHONE):

JIMMY CARPER: OK. Basically, when you're urinating and you squeeze your muscles to stop the flow of urine, those are your kegel muscles.

FRITZ KLEIN OK. It's the pelvic floor?

(ON PHONE):

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah.

FRITZ KLEIN Yeah.

(ON PHONE):

JIMMY CARPER: And so to practice the exercises, what you do is squeeze those muscles, release them, squeeze them, release them very rapidly. That's one set of reps. And then the other side is to squeeze and hold tight and then let go.

FRITZ KLEIN So what you're doing, really, is like you're training your biceps.

(ON PHONE):

JIMMY CARPER: Right.

FRITZ KLEIN You're really getting full control of that muscle, so that you can control whether you really want to squeeze it or

(ON PHONE): whether you want to completely make it loose.

JIMMY CARPER: Right.

FRITZ KLEIN And the more exercise you do, the more control you have of that muscle. And you're absolutely right. That will

(ON PHONE): help in retarding ejaculation.

JIMMY CARPER: Yes. And it also gives you-- I mean, for me it gave me total control because I can come when I want to, I can prolong it as I want to just because that is your sex muscle, basically. And the orgasm works through those muscles. It's not just [INAUDIBLE].

FRITZ KLEIN Those exercises are wonderful. And all I want to add is that you can achieve the same thing by doing it the other

(ON PHONE): way. And that is beginning to realize what the sensations are that cause that desire to ejaculate and then you can't stop it. You can know way in advance when that feeling begins. Then you can tone it down and then bring it up, tone it down, bring it up. In other words, you're doing the physical aspect, and I'm describing the mental aspect of the same thing.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah.

FRITZ KLEIN Yeah.

(ON PHONE):

JIMMY CARPER: But is there any other territory you want to cover about male sexuality? And I'd like to add a bisexual element here.

FRITZ KLEIN OK. OK. Let's get into the field that's my specialty, which is bisexuality. Do you want to open with some questions
(ON PHONE): or what?

JIMMY CARPER: Well, before we go into questions too much-- I just thought about this. We do have bi men's conference coming up in San Diego.

FRITZ KLEIN Yes, we do.
(ON PHONE):

JIMMY CARPER: So I'd like to start there, and then we can go wherever you want with it.

FRITZ KLEIN OK. Well, one of the things about the bisexual community is that in the last number of years, the bisexual
(ON PHONE): community has grown tremendously via the internet. Up until the last four or five years, the bisexual community was pretty small, and there were small pockets of bisexual activism, and bisexual clubs, and bisexual groups in the various cities, Austin being one, Houston being another, and New York, San Diego, Los Angeles, San Francisco, et cetera, et cetera, but relatively small.

Then in the last three, four, five years, these groups have come up on the internet and the lists. And all of a sudden, we have 100,000 men all talking to each other on various bisexual subjects. And this has spawned several conferences and meetings where more and more men are willing to come and meet other men in person, and get educated, and to have a good social weekend.

And so this coming October, October 18-- the 20 in San Diego, we're going to have the Third Annual Bi Men's Weekend Conference. And it's been a ball. I mean, all the men have been [? lauded ?] immensely.

And it's an ability to hook up with other men. It's an ability to learn about different aspects of bisexuality with respect to men. It's an ability to get educated and have fun at the same time.

JIMMY CARPER: And I'd like to address the diversity that comes in--

FRITZ KLEIN Oh, boy, what a diverse group of men.
(ON PHONE):

JIMMY CARPER: --because I think for a lot of people, it's kind of scary if you've never been part of a bisexual group or been involved in any bisexual activities. Or maybe even if you had been, it's always been very secret.

FRITZ KLEIN Well, when we say bisexual activities, what we're talking about is openly calling it a bisexual thing, so for
(ON PHONE): instance, going to a bisexual forum or attending a bisexual conference, that's what I mean by doing a bisexual thing. I'm not talking about having bisexual sex.

JIMMY CARPER: Right.

FRITZ KLEIN Yeah. And you're right. It's absolutely scary. But what's absolutely amazing is how fast these men who have had
(ON PHONE): no other experience, who have never met another bisexual person live, find that they feel part of the group and they feel immediately they belong there. And the variation of desire and whether they're mostly gay, or mostly straight, or in the middle somewhere, or whether they're married, or whether they're single, or whether they're professional, or whether they're blue collar, the mix is unbelievable.

JIMMY CARPER: And I think it's so wonderful. I've been to some of the conferences, not the Bi Men's Conference yet, but I've been to a lot of the bi conferences. And it's like you walk into the room, and it's like this magic happens. All of a sudden, you're transformed, and we're no longer in Kansas.

FRITZ KLEIN No, this year, you'll be in San Diego. I think one of the things we should let the public know, Gigi, is how do you
(ON PHONE): find out about this? I mean, it's all very well for us to talk about it, but there's a very simple way. And that is there is the site that I helped run called www.bisexual.org. www.bisexual.org has the listing right on its front page, events. And then you know what the upcoming conferences are.

And if you just remember that it's a men's conference in October, there will only be one that looks like that. And you click on that. And you find out all the information as to how, where, what dates in October-- it's October 18 to 20-- what the fees are, what the hotels are. And all I can tell you is that there are many people who keep coming back because they just have a grand time.

JIMMY CARPER: Yeah.

FRITZ KLEIN Yeah.
(ON PHONE):

JIMMY CARPER: And also, [? BRC ?] is a good resource.