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Scott

Track 1

Interviewer: How many hours a week do you work at Panera?

Scott: Five days, maybe more.

Interviewer: Wow! So are you working today? Later?

Scott: Yes. That's why I'm supposed to be off all today.

Interviewer: Yeah.

Scott: But she told me to get off. I told her could I do like three to close? and she said, "oh yea, that'll be fine."

Interviewer: Do you, so you just walk to work?

Scott: Yeah.

Interviewer: Yes.

Background Voice 2: Well it's a really nice neighborhood, Squirrel Hill.

Scott: Yes. When you say that, can I say it here, Mom?

Mother: What?

Scott: Can I say it here about my father?

Mother: Yeah

Scott: Do you know my father has cancer?

Interviewer: Ok

Scott: And I'd like to make my mom proud of me. I left her bedset to go to my place to visit me and I will have stuff for them too. And I will be taking care of my mother while my dad is feeling better. If so, she will come visit me. She will sell her house in Beacon Hill.

Mother: We have a place in Beacon Hill that when we moved out of our house in Churchill we still have two businesses in Pittsburgh that my husband was working at, so we took a place at Beacon Hill. So that's what he's referring to. My husband is terminal so we're saying whenever that time comes I'm going to move my bedroom set into Scott's spare room and I'm going to stay with him, to come to Pittsburgh, instead of coming to the apartment.

Scott: Yes.

Background Voice: That'll be fun.

Scott: I know

Background Voice: I like when my mom comes. It's nice to have a visitor.

Scott: I don't mean to live. I mean once in awhile.

(laughing)

Interviewer: How many children do you have?

Mother: Three. Tim is his brother-in-law, my daughter who got married and then Ryan is dating Gretchen. But they're dating seriously so soon hopefully.

Scott: And I told those two...guess what I'm hearing? I said I'm hearing some wedding bells.

Interviewer: How old is Gretchen?

Mother: 30

Scott: 30.

Interviewer: Are you the youngest?

Scott: Yes.

Mother: No.

Scott: No. Middle.

Mother: Ryan is our son, Gretchen is his girlfriend.

Interviewer: Oh.

Mother: Ryan and Gretchen are 30, he's 28 and then Robin is 27. She's married to Tim, who is 27.

Interviewer: Oh, ok. So, what was it like...Eastern Area was a school for people with disabilities? Right?

Scott: Yeah.

Interviewer: And then after that you were going to regular school? For middle school and high school?

Scott: Yes.

Interviewer: So what was it like going to East Middle School? East?

Background Voice 2: East Junior High School.

Interviewer: East Junior High School. Ok.

Mother: That's part of Woodland Hills

Interviewer: So what was it like going to the Woodland Hill schools?

Scott: It's fun.

Interviewer: Yes.

Scott: I took a couple of classes. English, I did very well in there, I got an A in there. In math, I got about like a B.

Interviewer: So were you in the regular education classes? Were you mainstreamed, like they say?

Scott: Yes. Right?

Mother: They had a support class...now I can't think of what it is, it was so far away. It was a support class where they had their own room and then they had disabled people there. Special ed. teachers taught them, but then he was mainstreamed for like biology and gym and art. He also was farmed out to Mon Valley every day there. That's where he went for the vocational programs. It was a course that he was able to choose. I mean like there were five different courses. And just like you were able to choose your classes for high school or college, he was able to do that at Mon Valley. So it was food service, warehouse service and clerical.

Scott: Yeah.

Mother: And one more, I can't think of it.

Scott: No, that's it.

Mother: He went there for two years, so for four semesters he was able to take all those classes. Then he would come back to high school. He still had to get in his regular classes that you need to graduate.

Interviewer: Yes, right.

Mother: So they worked it all out.

Interviewer: There's a lot of people who go to...I know when my son was in high school, he went in the morning for his regular classes and then in the afternoon he went to the technical school. So that sort of was.....they work it out like that. So, did you have friends in high school?

Scott: A couple of them, yeah.

Interviewer: And now you must have friends because your mom said something about your friends

Scott: Yes. Yes.

Interviewer: Where do your friends live?

Scott: Ok. Three guys live on Wightman in Squirrel Hill and there are three ladies that live on Beacon, closer to me.

Mother: You've got Heather in your building

Scott: Yeah. And I got Robby from bowling and a couple of friends at bowling too.

Interviewer: So you belong to a league?

Scott: I am a Saturday Afternoon Bowlers.

Interviewer: Where do you go for bowling?

Scott: Forward Lanes.

Interviewer: Yeah I was going to say that. Is it with a group that you belong to?

Scott: Saturday Afternoon Bowlers, yes.

Interviewer: So it's just anybody who shows up?

Scott: No, we're on a league.

Interviewer: Right, right. And who organized the league?

Scott: Judy Sewetti. (???)

Mother: And parents. Four times a year each parent goes in. Even though it's automatic scoring. Just to supervise them, make sure they all take their turn.

Interviewer: Are they all, are you all people with some disability?

Scott: Some people.

Interviewer: Okay.

Mother: Mental, but not any physical, but...

Interviewer: You can't get up there with the steps.

Mother: Yeah, you're right. Although they have a back entrance that's level.

Interviewer: To get to the bowling alley?

Mother: Yes. They have an alley in the back.

Scott: Yes.

Interviewer: Because my son had gone there for a birthday party when he was younger and I just had to drop him at the door, I was nervous but.

Mother: No, if you go around to the alley and there's a door there and it's all level, right into the bowling alley.

Scott: Do you know where Dr. Clinton Runco is?

Interviewer: On the corner? Yeah

Scott: I would go by Dr. Runco office on Shady, go, keep going, stop and turn right.

Interviewer: Ok, ok. I'll have to check that out because my kids love to bowl, and we always go up to Funfest at Harmarville.

Scott: Oh, yeah. I think we went to there someday.

Interviewer: But it's too noisy in there for me. I'm old.

Track 2

Mother: Bowling alleys are noisy period.

Interviewer: They are, they are noisy. Can I ask you a question, mom? When Scott was born, was it a surprise?

Mother: It was.

Scott: Why was that?

Mother: I was expecting a girl.

Scott: Oh mom!

Background Voice: I don't think you're a girl!

Scott: I guess you don't want me anymore.

Mother: No, I'll always want you.

Interviewer: Two girls and a boy is what you have, right?

Mother: No.

Interviewer: Two boys and a girl.

Scott: Yeah

Interviewer: Oh, so she wanted you to be a girl.

Scott: No, no, first it's Ryan from Magee and then there's me and then Robin, right?

Mother: Yes.

Interviewer: Do you know what hospital you were born in?

Scott: I think the same one. Magee.

Interviewer: And how'd they treat you when he was born?

Mother: Well my OB was Robert Priore.

Interviewer: Oh, Dr. Priore. Yeah, I know him.

Mother: Yes. I loved him. When he was born, he had a high Apgar score. They really didn't even recognize anything. He was a very slight featured. He had a few, they didn't even know, nobody knew until they brought him to me and I looked at him and I just said, at the time it was Mongoloid. That's all I knew. I said, "Are you a Mongoloid?" I didn't say anything to my husband, the doctor, pediatrician, nothing. I just looked at him and thought "Something's not right." Then the pediatrician came in that night and he said, now we don't know, we're gonna do some tests. But there's a few features but it could be just genetics. You know family features. He had a little finger and he had

slightness of the eyes and ears and that was it. And simian creases. And that's all he had to say to me and I knew. And then the next day, they put me in a private room and the pediatrician came in and confirmed that he was Down and my husband just like – didn't know anything. I mean just, like...

Interviewer: And were you familiar with Downs?

Mother: Well I'm an x-ray tech so yes. And I worked at Magee for seven years so yeah. But, again, I didn't know the right terminology, obviously. And um, yeah I mean we used Glick, Indorado, and Levine, who were the pediatricians and he was absolutely, I had no problems at all when I got him. He was two weeks old and somebody from ARC came, and I can't think of what her name was. I just drove by her house coming here. She had a Downs child that was 12 and she was like in charge of parent-to-parent group.

Interviewer: Marilyn Colosno.

Mother: Yeah, Marilyn Colosno!

Interviewer: I used to work there. So I know a lot of those folks.

Mother: Alright well, As I drove by here, coming here I drove by her house. She got me in the parent-to-parent right away and my husband and I, we came home after 5 days in the hospital. On the sixth day, My husband and I sat on our bed and we cried and cried and cried and then we just kinda said, "Well this is what we have. Let's raise him like Ryan." And we did. Never looked back, never had another tear – other than tears of joy. Because he really has been phenomenal. Other than the car situation.

Interviewer: We didn't talk about that yet. What – no heart problems?

Mother: No heart problems. He has had multiple ear infections, he's had 11 myringotomies but not in the last ten years. He has a score, IQ score of 72. So he was, he does pretty well.

Interviewer: Good for you.

Mother: He's been treated equally by everybody – family. Didn't lose any friends over him.

Interviewer: Were the nurses at the hospital nice to you?

Mother: You know, I guess. I don't remember they weren't, so I guess they were. I worked there so you know, they knew me. And, I just remember when he was born and I remember my mother saying that she and my sister and brother were coming to the hospital and I said don't come, don't come. Something's wrong, don't come. And that was the wrong thing to say, I know that now, but she came anyway. And she warded off all of our friends that wanted to come in and see me with the baby and then she said "No,

no.” So we had that support there. And I guess the nurses were good. I don’t remember them not being. We had genetic testing done on him because they thought that maybe he was mosaic and that wasn’t the case.

Interviewer: So you’ve been just living your life.

Scott: Yeah.

Interviewer: That’s a good thing. What’s been the hardest thing for you in life, growing up and working and whatever you do? What’s the hardest thing?

Scott: What’s she saying about the born thing? Friends and sometimes their mothers are always embarrassing their sons. I know I love my mother a lot but sometimes she’s embarrassing.

Interviewer: Sometimes I do that on purpose just to embarrass my sons.

Scott: Yeah. Besides one day you’re good.

Interviewer: Say that again, I didn’t catch it.

Scott: She wants a girl and not a boy, so I think she might abandon her son!

Mother: But I got a girl.

Interviewer: Yeah.

Mother: After you I got a girl, right?

Scott: Not then. Last time I was watching TV a commercial and some lady gave birth and don’t want to see him and they left the baby abandoned at the hospital. Left the baby there. I think my mother might do the same.

Mother: No. Did I leave you at the hospital?

Scott: Sometimes.

Mother: When did I ever leave you at the hospital?

Scott: You know.

Mother: When?

Scott: When you gave birth.

Mother: I didn't leave you. Didn't I take you home and you grew up in Churchill with Ryan and Robin?

Scott: Oh yeah.

Mother: Oh you forgot that.

Background Voice: And now you're the one that left, huh?

Mother: There's a lot of things on TV on Lifetime and that he watches that he gets in his head. Life-like stories.

Scott: Besides I'm watching this Lifetime one, oh what's it called... *Missing A Baby*. And they kidnapped the baby and sell the baby. I think that she might do that thing with me.

(Laughing)

Interviewer: No way.

Mother: You're an adult now. If I would have sold you, I would've sold you when you were five.

Background Voice: She's got a good point.

Interviewer: I think maybe you should be watching the History channel.

Background Voice: Or TLC which has the more happy ones.

Interviewer: Or Disney.

Scott: No!

Background Voice: I think you're stuck with your mom, whether you want her or not.

Scott: I do love her a lot, I do, but she's always embarrassing.

Background Voice: I think parents are supposed to do that. Even when I go home, I always tease my parents. Like an adjustment. Mom, leave me alone, give me 10 minutes. O.k.?

Scott: Yeah. My father its fine. And this one here is—

Track 3

Background Voice: Uh oh! Are you saying this because Father's Day is on Sunday?

Scott: Yeah.

Mother: Alright that's it, I'm cutting you off! Don't call me 4 times a day!

(laughing)

Interviewer: I had a question on the tip of my tongue. Something about what you do.

Others: At Panera? Friends? Growing up? Bowling?

Interviewer: Oh, the MH/MR board, how did you get on that? You had to know someone

Scott: Oh dear. A long time ago, I was interviewed with two people to be on the MH/MR Advisory Board. They are two people. They are Jessica, she works in the daycare but I don't want her to be in the daycare. So this lady came in so nice, so pretty. That Mary Livengood. She told me her experiences. She told me I love to type.

Mother: Wait a second, I think they're confused. Who asked you to be on the MH/MR Board?

Scott: Mike Ruber.

Interviewer: Mike Ruber?

Scott: Yeah.

Mother: Ok, there you go. And then from there, he had to interview a mentor.

Interviewer: Oh.

Mother: That's why he's saying Jessica and Mary Livengood. He hired Mary Livengood.

Scott: Yeah.

Mother: We actually pay her to be his mentor.

Interviewer: Okay.

Mother: So they go to the meetings together once a month.

Scott: No, she meets me there.

Mother: I'm sorry, she meets him there.

Scott: And brings her time sheet cause I'm supposed to sign my name.

Interviewer: Does she have another job?

Scott: Yes. At the—in Wilkinsburg.

Interviewer: At the Center for Independent Living?

Scott: Yes. Yes.

Interviewer: Okay, so are you on their Attendant Care Program?

Scott: Yes.

Interviewer: Good for you.

Scott: And speaking for ourselves.

Interviewer: Oh, are you?

Scott: Yes.

Interviewer: So the other folks who come those three days a week or, I remember you told us before about the people who come in to help you with the budget and all that. Where do they come from?

Mother: Mainstay.

Scott: Mainstay

Interviewer: Ok, so you have Mainstay and you have Three Rivers. Oh, that's cool.

Mother: Many years ago. I don't know, maybe eight years ago, he got on that waiver title.

Interviewer: Which waiver? The MR Waiver? Or the Attendant Care?

Mother: No. I thought it was a Title I waiver. Like ten years ago and he got the entire waiver- it's \$19,000.00 a year and through that, came Mainstay. And Mainstay is an agency that supports independent living. They have women and men who are in a social field and they assist them with their budgeting and their hygiene and cleaning and dressing and organization and, not so much work. They have job coaches for that. He's hooked up with Allegheny East.

Scott: Yeah

Mother: Enterprises...I think they just changed their name to Allegheny Enterprises.

Interviewer: They changed their name to Milestone, I thought.

Scott: Oh yea, that's it.

Mother: Is that who Jody Reimer's with now?

Scott: We were in a car, it does say Milestone.

Mother: Jody Reimer is Milestone now. Ok. So he doesn't need a job coach any more, but before he got this Panera job, he had a variety of other jobs. He bagged groceries and he worked at Burger King and did you work anywhere else?

Scott: Mercer.

Mother: Oh well in Mercer in the summertime he bussed tables, but that was without a job coach. But he still has a job coach now. If there's ever an issue or problem or a question, she's contacted. And then Mainstay comes in 20 hours a week and all the people that Mainstay service in our area, in Squirrel Hill, they're all working people. So these Mainstay people come in like after work to assist these people. Some of the agents come in early in the morning to get these people up and out for work, but he doesn't need that.

Scott: No.

Mother: And they cook together. They shop together. They socialize together They go places together. And tell them about Exceptional Ventures.

Scott: Oh yeah, about that. Exceptional Ventures, I'm on the waiting list for Walt Disney World. I find about it from my mom. The Exceptional Ventures called for mom to let me know I got on that Walt Disney World.

Interviewer: So when are you going?

Scott: December 6 through the 13th.

Interviewer: December?

Scott: Yes.

Interviewer: Great time to go.

Scott: Seven whole days.

Interviewer: That's great! Do you get to stay there in Disney World? In a hotel there?

Scott: I think so.

Mother: I don't know where they're staying yet. I haven't gotten all of the details. I mean you sign up right away and then they say, oh we're filled, they only had like 21 spaces and I guess they had so many more people interested, so they got more spaces. So he was on a waiting list and he gets to go. But I don't know where they're staying

Scott: And I was down there for the whole family too before.

Interviewer: Oh, you've been there before?

Scott: Yeah.

Interviewer: Fun, huh?

Scott: Me and my sister ride the teacups.

Interviewer: Did you?

Scott: Yeah.

Interviewer: Well this summer, a little bit of Disney is coming here to Pittsburgh at the, our office has a project called the Music Festival Fund. I don't know why it's called that. But it's a fund that we raise money to buy children who are in any of the systems, things that you can't get through any waivers or parents don't have the money or their kids are in foster care. So if they want to take music lessons or they wanted a zoo pass or membership, a museum membership, those kinds of things. Computer, if you needed a computer. So every year we have this big music festival at Hartwood Acres and this year we're doing it in combination with Radio Disney. And so there's a group called Everlife that's part of Disney, it's a singing group. They're coming and then Radio Disney is setting up all kinds of activities and it should be really, really nice. They're very excited about it. We're expecting a lot of people to come.

Mother: When is that?

Background Voice: July 13th

Interviewer: Is it the 13th?

Background Voice: On Sunday

Interviewer: Yeah, that's pretty soon.

Background Voice: *Yeah, cause I have a wedding that Friday and I just saw the date and I was like "Oh wait". So it's Sunday the 13th.*

Scott: Me too on July 5th.

Interviewer: Oh yea?

Background Voice: *It's a busy month. I would never want to get married in... It's too hot. I'm just dreading it already. You have to sit there in dress up clothes!*

Scott: That's where my best friends Ed Marzak and Linda Davis they're getting married on July 5th and they put on a slip for inviting people and they invite me too.

Background Voice: **That'll be fun.**

Track 4

Scott: My mom got me the yogurt frozen maker for them.

Interviewer: That sounds nice.

Background Voice: *That'll be a good gift for that time of year!*

Scott: They wanted that, that's why we got it off the list.

Mother: The registry.

Interviewer: **So, anyway, we're gonna have fun that day. You guys should come out. It starts at 3 I think. We're hoping there'll be no rain. Then there's other entertainment going on you know that whole afternoon. And it's mostly sort of kid focused, because it's Radio Disney. But we'll all be there having fun.**

Scott: Just you, will actor be there?

Interviewer: **The what?**

Scott: Actor

Mother: The actor. Which actor?

Scott: Actors on Disney?

Interviewer: **Well we know this one group is coming and then they're bring other people, but we don't know who they are. They haven't given us a name. Because originally we were gonna have..... do you remember that guys name? Hanna Montana's brother?**

Scott: Oh okay, Michael, um... Michael Jackson.

Interviewer: But he got called to do something else. So he's not coming.

Scott: Awww....

Interviewer: So we don't know who's coming because it's sort of like. It's almost to me it's like if something better comes along that's where they're going. Or if their publicist says "No, no, no. You have to do this..."

Scott: How about Raven Simone?

Interviewer: Oh no, we're not getting Raven. She's too expensive.

Scott: Oh, oh, oh, oh. How about Zach and Cody?

Interviewer: They're expensive too. I mentioned all of these people.

Scott: Boston Tipton

Interviewer: Who is that?

Scott: *Suite Life of Zach and Cody...*

Interviewer: Oh Tipton, ok. No, it's gonna be a kid. It's gonna be some kid. I don't know, or two, I don't know.

Background Voice 2: It's gonna be Judy's son

Interviewer: Yea, I'll send him out. He'll be there but anyway I want to get back to the MH/MR board. So the meetings are once a month?

Scott: No, twice a month.

Interviewer: Twice a month?

Scott: Yes.

Interviewer: Really? That's a lot.

Mother: I thought it was the second Tuesday.

Scott: Yea, second Tuesday, yes.

Mother: Of every month.

Scott: Yeah.

Interviewer: So you sit there and you listen to people talk. Is that it?

Scott: Yes. When I got something to say I'm supposed to tell the chairperson and I'll say it.

Interviewer: Do you know who the chairperson is?

Scott: George Owens.

Interviewer: Say that again.

Scott: George Owens.

Interviewer: Oh, George Owens. Ok.

Scott: Do you know her daughter's name, Terry Owens?

Interviewer: I do. In fact George Owens was supposed to call me back, now that I think about it.

Scott: And Pat Valentine.

Interviewer: Sure. You know what? I've known Pat Valentine since she was this big.

Scott: Oh wow

Interviewer: Her older sister is my best friend.

Scott: And Don Clark?

Interviewer: And Don Clark.

Scott: Oh about that. Don Clark was kind of mad about what happened about the Wellness Fair.

Interviewer: Why?

Scott: The Wellness Expo. I was supposed to go out there on the Parkway. No, Perry Highway. But I took five buses and so Don Clark was mad because the staff was supposed to take me out there. But this staff is so sick.

Interviewer: His staff? Somebody on his staff?

Scott: No, no.

Interviewer: Your staff?

Scott: No, a Mainstay staff was sick. But I decided to go on my own. Liz, my friend, told me to take 12A, but she was wrong. It was 11C.

Interviewer: 12A goes on McKnight Road not Perry Highway.

Scott: Yeah. Mc Knight Road.

Background Voice: So you know now where these buses go. I'm sure.

Scott: I know.

Interviewer: So you're a good traveler? You know the buses and you get where you need to go?

Scott: Yes. The bus, they took me to Allegheny County.

Mother: CCAC on the Northside

Interviewer: Ohhh. Instead of...

Scott: That's wrong.

Mother: We all ask Scott for directions. We take the bus now to the ballgame because he showed us how to do it. My daughter works at Children's, lives in Squirrel Hill she takes the bus now she doesn't have to drive in. He teaches us all how to be mobile.

Scott: Yes.

Interviewer: And who taught you about the buses?

Scott: Gary Eisman from St. Anthony's.

Interviewer: Okay, okay. You're connected man I'll tell ya. When you're at the MH/MR, when you're at the meetings, do they listen to what you have to say?

Scott: Yes. I told them about Harrisburg. I said I'm going this week. I said "Do you want me to tell them about us?" And they said "Sure." And I bring back more information about it and say it to the meeting.

Interviewer: So there must've just been a meeting two weeks...one week ago?

Scott: No.

Interviewer: I'm lost about what date it is.

Mother: You went this week because Robin and you had dinner..

Scott: The 10th

Interviewer: Yeah, so it was this Tuesday. Is Dave Gratham on that board? Do you know that name? Dave Gratham. He's in a wheelchair.

Scott: No. Kenneth Warner sits on the board. Kenneth is in a wheelchair.

Interviewer: Okay. What are you most proud of?

Scott: I am most proud of my life and my whole family, definitely my mom, she always spoils her kids. For example, today before I got to work, me and her go out to buy me some new sandals. I told her at the time I'd like to pay for it on my own – I didn't need any help and so when I'm in Pittsburgh and she's in Mercer County and I told her "When I see something I like, can I use my card?" and she say, "Sure and find a sensible price, that's all."

Interviewer: Do you manage your money pretty well?

Scott: Yeah.

Interviewer: Yeah.

Scott: And I – on this Saturday I'm supposed to go to the play of Peter Pan.

Interviewer: Oh, are you?

Scott: Yes, but she sold the tickets but I bet they're 40 bucks for that.

Mother: Oh, but why did I sell the tickets?

Scott: I know. That's why.

Track 5

Scott: On that day, we were passing out water for the race.

Mother: I got him and his friend Peter Pan tickets for the 21st – front row seats, perfect seats and the gym that I belong to is having a 5K race for Special Olympics in Mercer. They asked him to pass out water. So he had to make a choice. Peter Pan, which is his favorite all time play, or pass out water. And he decided to pass out water.

Scott: And know I budget 40 bucks for that.

Mother: Guess what? Now you can buy your sandals.

Interviewer: There you go. So where does Mercer fit into this picture?

Mother: That's where I live.

Interviewer: You live in Mercer?

Mother: I live in Mercer.

Scott: Yes.

Interviewer: Oh, you don't live in Churchill?

Mother: No. We sold that house and moved to Mercer three years ago.

Scott: And but they got another home in Churchill on Beacon Hill.

Interviewer: Oh, now I understand. And your husband owns businesses in Mercer or here?

Mother: No. We own a dealership in Kittanning and a beer store in Robinson Township. So that's why we had the apartment right in the middle.

Interviewer: I was gonna say you couldn't have picked two farther parts away.

Mother: I know, I know. I'm an old country girl, and we wanted to be on the lake.

Interviewer: That's nice. What lake is up there?

Mother: Latonka. Nobody's ever heard of it.

Background Voice 2: Yes I did. My friend had property up there years ago, Lake Latonka. This was like back in the 60's.

Mother: Yeah, '65 was when it was first made.

Background Voice 2: Yeah, and I think the lake got a leak in it, the first time it ended up being drained. Lake Latonka.

Mother: Does he still have the property?

Background Voice 2: No, it was this big investment, but never panned out for him.

Mother: Well now.

Background Voice 2: Yea, now, if he would've waited. He was always a person who was impulsive.

Mother: I mean then you'd buy a lot on the water for \$600. Now it's \$175....\$175,00.

Background Voice 2: I can't wait to tell him that, 'cause he'll be so sick.

Mother: Tell him to call me, I'll sell his lot for him if he still has it.

Interviewer: Yea somebody said to me I have a place on Lake Latonka.

Scott: And when you get up there, there's storage.

Mother: Storage buildings.

Background Voice 2: Lake Latonka....I haven't heard that in 20 years

Mother: Tell him, it's worth—we got our house 19 years ago for \$70,000 and now it's worth \$450,000.

Interviewer: Holy smokes! Wow. It was a good investment. You should tell him he should've stuck with it.

Background Voice 2: He never, he buys mutual funds and every day gets a little panic and goes down.....

Mother: I'm going to give you my card. And if he still has it, you tell him to call me, because everybody's looking for property.

Background Voice 2: I doubt if he has it....he's never mentioned it.

Mother: He probably paid for it....he's probably delinquent and still owns it.

Interviewer: So, what's the next big place coming up? That we can buy for \$600?

Background Voice 2: Braddock. Braddock.

Mother: No, Lawrenceville.

Background Voice 2: Well, Lawrenceville's already shot up. Braddock. I'm from Braddock.

Mother: Well, look at Homestead.

Background Voice 2: Well Homestead, just the Waterfront though. You go beyond the Waterfront, nothing

Mother: Yeah, you're right.

Interviewer: What part of Lawrenceville?

Background Voice 2: Lower Lawrenceville.

Mother: Yeah Lower Lawrenceville

Interviewer: What are you calling Lower Lawrenceville?

Scott: That's where I went there for an arts thing.

Background Voice 2: Yes, a couple of weeks ago. We interviewed a woman that had a piece in that art show.

Mother: Once Children's opens up, it'll be really big.

Background Voice: I know, I live in Friendship, right on the end of Friendship Avenue, and...

Mother: ...Volunteers still at the daycare center down there. Harmony, it's in the Turtle Creek High School. They have a senior citizen center there, and the daycare center. He volunteers there, takes two buses to get there.

Scott: Yes I do.

Background Voice : You're busy.

Mother: And he goes to karaoke every Sunday.

Scott: At 9:30.

Background Voice 2: Where's that at?

Scott: Over at South Braddock.

Mother: Ryan's Pub.

Background Voice 2: Oh Ryan's Pub, okay.

Interviewer: Oh, do you go there?

Scott: Yeah

Interviewer: Oh, I'll have to tell a guy that works with us. He just got up and sang there like last week or something. 9:30 at night?

Mother: He was there....well, no you weren't. You were at the lake.

Scott: Yeah.

Mother: But he goes every Sunday.

Interviewer: 9:30 at night? I'm getting ready for bed.

Mother: Yea, but you're not 28.

Interviewer: I know! So you came down from Mercer today?

Scott: Yeah. And we come here and she said "I have a surprise for you." And so she spilled those beans.

Interviewer: Did she?

Scott: Yeah.

Interviewer: So it's not a surprise anymore?

Scott: No and she told me the real meaning, my mother and Wes. And so she said when we drive to this restaurant she said "How do you know there's a surprise?" and I said, "You told me, you fool."

Mother: My mother is 85 and got married last year.

Interviewer: Oh my goodness!

Mother: Pretty much a year ago. My father's been dead 12 years. This was a guy who contacted her from high school. He looked her up at the county courthouse to see if she was still alive. Lost his wife, looked her up and...

Interviewer: So Scott, who's had the biggest influence in your life?

Scott: My friend Liz.

Interviewer: Your friend Liz?

Scott: Yea and she always gets me in a lot of trouble.

Mother: I'm not sure he understands.

Interviewer: Okay

Mother: Tell them who Liz is.

Scott: Liz is my friend on Beacon Street in Squirrel Hill. She's a Special Needs, too. I know her from...

Mother: Gosh, I don't know Scott, bowling maybe? She was a roommate of Mike and Brad's so...

Scott: Oh, no, I met her at the Beulah Church for the Christmas Bell Choir.

Interviewer: Oh, okay. And she gets you in trouble?

Scott: Yeah.

Interviewer: What kind of trouble?

Scott: All kind.

Mother: She's very influential.

Interviewer: Uh oh, I hate those kind of girls.

Scott: Oh, oh, oh. For example, I like to meet my staff Carolyn, but she told me "You're always hanging out with Liz." But I told her that I don't. One day a long time ago, in September, Liz make me skip my appointment that day. On July or September the 28th. We had a baseball game and Liz made me miss that appointment to go with her.

Interviewer: You know what I tell my sons? Girls are trouble.

Scott: I know. Just like her.

Mother: Boy, I'm really getting the boot here today. You're gonna have to walk home!

Interviewer: Well Scott, is there anything you want to tell us that we didn't ask you about?

Scott: So far... I'm okay now. It's a good thing I got
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Scott: out my feelings about my mother. Out my feelings... they'll be good.

Mother: Good, now I don't have to take you to the psychologist.

Scott: No.

Interviewer: What did you say, something about driving before or automobile or...

Mother: Oh, we were telling Carol, that... I said I never held him back. Whatever he wanted to do. He water skis. He snow skis. He's ridden a bicycle. Everything. Anything he ever wanted to do. He's played all kinds of basketball, baseball. He was never denied anything except driving when he was 16. That was one thing, he got the book. I know he could pass the book part, but...

Scott: But she was worried about driving at night. There's a lot of maniacs out there. But I told her don't worry mom, I never will get it any accidents and I know I'll be a very good driver.

Mother: So when he turned 16, we got him a golf cart. Because we live at the lake and you're allowed to have golf carts. So that's what he drives. He goes everywhere in his golf cart when he comes to the lake.

Scott: But sometimes, a lot of times my mom, or my sister, or Ryan, or Chris or Tim picks me up from my place to the lake. To the lake each time and sometimes her friend Linda Ronsap.

Mother: Whoever we can get to get him. He did take the bus a couple of times and then the Greyhound eliminated the Mercer stop. So the closest stop is now Zelenople so if I get stuck, he could go to Zelenople, but there's enough people coming and going that...

Scott: Yea, but I need a car to drive up there, then they don't have to pick me up.

Background Voice: Yeah, but then you have to pay for gas

Interviewer: Yea, gas is too expensive.

Background Voice: It's amazing to me how quickly it eats my money. I even use the bus to go to work. I'm like, geez it takes I can't believe it takes \$60.00 to fill my tank. Only 10 years ago when I first started driving, I remember filling up for less than \$10 or \$11 was just a shocking price and now I can't imagine. So I really don't use it. I can walk in Friendship, too. I'm really thankful because if I had to drive everywhere in the city.

Mother: Where are you looking to move?

Background Voice: I don't know.

Mother: She wants to be where the young people are. I understand that. I have two kids that are married, they're 26. They live in Squirrel Hill, they walk everywhere.

Interviewer: That's what she does.

Background Voice: And I think growing up on a farm, I never...I couldn't even dream of what it was like...

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Background Voice 2: Ok, talk about the Bar mitzvah.

Mother: Why don't you put it back on.

Background Voice 2: No, that's ok

Mother: Ok, cause he'll be eating it.

Scott: Oh mom!

Background Voice: I see what you mean, she does nothing but embarrass you.

Scott: I've been a bar mitzvah from October the 18th of...

Mother: Let's see....'92.

Scott: In '92. So I know a couple of Hebrew songs. (Sings in Hebrew.) And I know a couple of Hanukah songs. (Sings.) That is how I do my Hebrew. Thank you.

Interviewer: Tell us where, where were you bar mitzvahed?

Scott: I bar mitzvahed at Tree of Life.

Background Voice 2: Can you say it again.

Scott: Tree of Life.

Background Voice 2: Move the mic a little closer.

Scott: Tree of Life.

Background Voice 2: Thank you.