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| 1 | BJ | Brings me to...the next topic [I wanted to talk about anyway] |
| 2 | MFL | [(Um), okay.] |
| 3 | BJ | Which is uh Pittsburghese, [(as) people say.] |
| 4 | MFL | [Okay] |
| 5 | BJ | (Uh), have you (ever) – you’ve heard that term, [Pittsburghese?] |
| 6 | MFL | [Yes! Oh yes], yes (). |
| 7 | BJ | Um, and you said you ((1-second pause)) notice that Pittsburghers have an accent, do you= |
| 8 | MFL | =Yes= |
| 9 | BJ | =Can you sort of pin down anything that it <u>is</u> , that...what is Pittsburghese? Or... |
| 10 | MFL | I...uh...(uh) <u>no</u> , I’ve never been able to pin it down. [It – it’s] |
| 11 | BJ | [Mm-hmm?] |
| 12 | MFL | Ahhh...it’s, it’s an accent that I don’t think you hear anywhere else. |
| 13 | BJ | [(Mm-hmm?)] |
| 14 | MFL | [(Because uh] I’ve been...the different areas of the country that I’ve <u>been</u> in, um...I mean, I could tell, I (would) lived in...lived in Long Island, I could tell the New York accent |
| 15 | BJ | [Mm-hmm] |
| 16 | MFL | [Is very]...distinct. Ahhm...and, I can tell...a Pittsburgh accent’s [very] |
| 17 | BJ | [Mm-hmm?] |
| 18 | MFL | (Very), or western Pennsylvania= |
| 19 | BJ | =Right= |
| 20 | MFL | =‘Scuse me, accent. [()] |
| 21 | BJ | [But] you’d say Pittsburghers are even a little different than...like, (wester) – the rest of western Pennsylvania? |
| 22 | MFL | You know what, that’s a good question. (I’ve) I guess I would have to talk to somebody from Erie. [Uh] |
| 23 | BJ | [Yeah] |
| 24 | MFL | Have you noticed, I mean you [grew up in] |
| 25 | BJ | [Well I think people in] |
| 26 | MFL | Penn States, I mean, have you noticed a [difference the further east?] |
| 27 | BJ | [Yeah, I think there is] a...not as much of a difference as people think. |
| 28 | MFL | [Mm-hmm?] |
| 29 | BJ | [I mean] ((1-second pause)) P – Pittsburghers, people from Pittsburgh think that...it’s only <u>they</u> who have this accent. |
| 30 | MFL | Okay. |
| 31 | BJ | They don’t think anyone, I mean, they don’t...it doesn’t occur to them that anyone else besides them [have this accent.] |

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| 32 | MFL | [Mm-hmm.] Mm-hmm. |
| 33 | BJ | Some aspects of it are things I grew up with though. |
| 34 | MFL | Okay. |
| 35 | BJ | That, (you know), I mean, they sound <u>so</u> familiar to me. |
| 36 | MFL | Okay. |
| 37 | BJ | Uh, people in Erie have...sound very different. |
| 38 | MFL | Really? That's interesting. [That's interesting.] |
| 39 | BJ | [Yeah, uh, because] there's a kind of big...it goes back to the original settlement patterns. |
| 40 | MFL | [Mm-hmm?] |
| 41 | BJ | [(Of)] the people who settled this...area were a different group than the (peop) – ...they came from a different part of England, they had a different history= |
| 42 | MFL | =Yes= |
| 43 | BJ | =From the people who settled...in [New England.] |
| 44 | MFL | [() Right.] |
| 45 | BJ | [And those people] are...you know, when they moved west, they settled the...northern tier of Pennsylvania.= |
| 46 | MFL | =Okay. [Okay.] |
| 47 | BJ | [So]...roughly, north of Route 80, just by coincidence...[uh] |
| 48 | MFL | [()] |
| 49 | BJ | [People] have a somewhat different accent. |
| 50 | MFL | That's interesting. I'll have to notice that [next time, I'll have to ()] |
| 51 | BJ | [Yeah. Uh-huh.] |
| 52 | MFL | Maybe () And (now) I've <u>noticed</u> ((1-second pause)) ah...even...going <u>south</u> ((1-second pause)) even <u>southern</u> parts of Pennsylvania, you start to hear...kind of a southern accent. |
| 53 | BJ | Mm-hmm? |
| 54 | MFL | And uh (in), like in the...the further you get into West Virginia, ['cause] |
| 55 | BJ | [(Yup)] |
| 56 | MFL | I work with some, some guys at the um...Air National Guard that are actually... <u>from</u> West Virginia. |
| 57 | BJ | Uh-[huh] |
| 58 | MFL | [And] you can, you can hear...an accent. |
| 59 | BJ | Yeah, they really [()] |
| 60 | MFL | [(They're) even into] O – Ohio, so...I, I have noticed a southern...area, I've never really...I don't know if I've really (ever)... <u>known</u> anybody from Erie, it's [been awhile since I've been up there but (uh)]...that's interesting. |
| 61 | BJ | [Mm-hmm? Yeah. Yeah. Mm-hmm.] So have you ever seen any of these Pittsburghese, like, T-shirts or[...anything, I think you d –] |
| 62 | MFL | [I have. I've seen mugs], yeah [coffee mugs.] |
| 63 | BJ | Yeah, [well your Dad has one of those mugs, right? Yeah.] ((Sounds like smiling)) |

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| 64 | MFL | ((Laughing)) [I think he does, yeah, that's where I've seen it, that's right.] |
| 65 | BJ | [Mm-hmm?] Mm-hmm? |
| 66 | MFL | Okay. |
| 67 | BJ | So uh...they – it's partly...pe – people, what people notice, or...the <u>accent</u> , and partly= |
| 68 | MFL | =Mm-hmm.= |
| 69 | BJ | =Words. [Uh] |
| 70 | MFL | [Yes.] |
| 71 | BJ | Those mugs have, <u>words</u> on it, [like, I don't know] |
| 72 | MFL | [Right, right.] |
| 73 | BJ | “Slippy” and [“STILLERS” and] |
| 74 | MFL | [()] “yinz” and ((Laughs)) |
| 75 | BJ | “Yinz,” uh-huh? Yeah. So, would you say you – y – y – y – ...you would say you use some of those things <u>sometimes</u> [or?] |
| 76 | MFL | [I] don't think, no, I don't, I don't <u>believe</u> I use...[ahh...any of the] |
| 77 | BJ | [Mm-hmm] |
| 78 | MFL | Pittsburghese...am...ahhh...my (uh)...my...my mother was uh...she was always um...very strict on our...our speech. |
| 79 | BJ | [(Mm)] |
| 80 | MFL | [She] never let us use...uh...any sort of... |
| 81 | BJ | She'd correct you if [you said] |
| 82 | MFL | [She would] correct us. Exactly. [Exactly.] |
| 83 | BJ | [Mm-hmm?] [Mm-hmm?] |
| 84 | MFL | [Yes, so...] |
| 85 | BJ | So uh...have you ever heard the term “yinzer”? A [“yinzer”?] |
| 86 | MFL | [Yes.] “Yinzer.” |
| 87 | BJ | What does that...mean? |
| 88 | MFL | Well, “yi-” (ah), “ <u>yinz</u> ,” meaning...means ((1-second pause)) more than one [person.] |
| 89 | BJ | [Right], like “y'all” or [something yeah uh-huh? Uh-huh?] |
| 90 | MFL | [“Y'all,” right, “yinz.”] And uh...but “ <u>yinzers</u> ”...I'm not really sure what that means. [“Yinzers.”] |
| 91 | BJ | [Yeah, well I think –] |
| 92 | MFL | Have you, hav – s anybody given you an explanation (of), [of that?] |
| 93 | BJ | [I don't, I], it's, what's interesting is I can't trace the history of it, I'm not [sure how] |
| 94 | MFL | [Okay.] |
| 95 | BJ | Long that word's been around. I think it has some kind of origin in the media. |
| 96 | MFL | [Okay.] |
| 97 | BJ | Like [many] of these things.= |
| 98 | MFL | =Okay.= |
| 99 | BJ | =Um, I think there's probably some radio DJ who used it and [then it] |
| 100 | MFL | [Used it] |

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| 101 | BJ | Became popular among some group of kids. |
| 102 | MFL | Okay. |
| 103 | BJ | Who might have been like ((1-second pause)) Central Catholic kids or something, [you know.] |
| 104 | MFL | [Okay.] |
| 105 | BJ | Some <u>real</u> [central], real Pittsburgh-ey group. |
| 106 | MFL | [Okay.] Okay. |
| 107 | BJ | Uh one... <u>one</u> kid who I asked who <u>did</u> know this word defined it as uh “The kind of guys...it’s the kind of person who goes to a Steelers game and takes their shirt off.” |
| 108 | MFL | ((Laughs)) Is that right? Oh, that’s interesting. |
| 109 | BJ | ((Laughs)) So I thought that was as good a definition [as any.] |
| 110 | MFL | [Okay.] ((Laughing)) Yeah (that – but – it) it’s interesting. (I mean) <u>we</u> w – w – we mixed, at school we would <u>mix</u> with...ah...being in Cranberry’s kind of a <u>transient</u> location, even...into the seventies. |
| 111 | BJ | Mm-hmm? |
| 112 | MFL | Um ((1-second pause)) so you did, y – y – you had a mixture of... <u>local</u> ...kids, plus, some that move <u>from</u> Pittsburgh into the suburbs, [plus you] |
| 113 | BJ | [Mm-hmm.] |
| 114 | MFL | Also (have) people that came from different areas of the country. |
| 115 | BJ | Right.= |
| 116 | MFL | =So you had a little bit of combination, but I think...growing up <u>here</u> , uh...and the way my mother...um...ah...raised us, to speak, uh, we were kind of uh, an <u>island</u> almost, so it’s...’cause I’ve been <u>told</u> that that...that they’re not sure <u>what</u> kind of an accent that I <u>do</u> have, [(not only)] |
| 117 | BJ | [Mm-hmm?] |
| 118 | MFL | Because it’s...because I’ve moved around a lot? |
| 119 | BJ | That could be. That could be. |
| 120 | MFL | After high school? And then...and then [even] |
| 121 | BJ | [Mm-hmm.] |
| 122 | MFL | After college, it’s kind of just |
| 123 | BJ | [Mm-hmm?] |
| 124 | MFL | [Not really]...maybe...maybe I have...lost some of my western Pennsylvania [accent.] But... |
| 125 | BJ | [Mm-hmm?] I – um ((Sounds like turning pages)) somebody...told me that ((1-second pause)) in ((1-second pause)) the military...there’s a kind of a...a lot of people have southern accents? |
| 126 | MFL | [(Mm-hmm.) <u>Yes.</u>] |
| 127 | BJ | [And some] people kind of <u>cultivate</u> southern accents? Like they tr – they try to sound more...like southerners? Have you ever noticed that, or |
| 128 | MFL | Um ((1-second pause)) I – I – I (bel-) I know a lot of your....a lot of the marine bases are in the South. |

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| 129 | BJ | [Right.] |
| 130 | MFL | [(Ah)], not too many are north of the Mason-Dixon Line, and I don't know... why that is, uh, but um...uh...but I had...uh, well my <u>mother</u> is originally from Georgia. |
| 131 | BJ | Mm-[hmm?] |
| 132 | MFL | [So], um...so we would take occasional trips into the south. Um ((1-second pause)) that's interesting, I've (n -), I didn't (kn -) I've never noticed that.= |
| 133 | BJ | =Mm-hmm?=- |
| 134 | MFL | =You know, maybe there's a higher population of southerners that join the military.= |
| 135 | BJ | =(Yeah), I don't know.= |
| 136 | MFL | [I don't know. That's a good question.] |
| 137 | BJ | [I don't know why it - I, you know, I just] thought it was kind of interesting (that)= |
| 138 | MFL | =That <u>is</u> interesting. I never heard that before, [(huh).] |
| 139 | BJ | [Somebody] else that I talked to who had been in the military said= |
| 140 | MFL | =Uh-huh?=- |
| 141 | BJ | ="Well you probably notice that I have...you're probably noticing that I have a southern accent because I was in the military," [because], you know. |
| 142 | MFL | [Interesting.] Did not know that.= |
| 143 | BJ | =Yeah.= |
| 144 | MFL | =Did not know [that's] |
| 145 | BJ | [Me neither.] |
| 146 | MFL | Interesting I...Hmmm. |
| 147 | BJ | But so, you...didn't grow up saying "yinz" or "you-inz," but you s -= |
| 148 | MFL | =No.= |
| 149 | BJ | =Did you...grow up aro - hearing people? |
| 150 | MFL | I did, yes. |
| 151 | BJ | [Yeah.] |
| 152 | MFL | [My] my cousins (have) lived in Callery, they used= |
| 153 | BJ | =Mm-hmm?=- |
| 154 | MFL | =Uh... used "yinz" and |
| 155 | BJ | [Yeah.] |
| 156 | MFL | [Different] things but [()] |
| 157 | BJ | [Um, did] they...talk about "redding up"? |
| 158 | MFL | [(R - r -)] |
| 159 | BJ | [For "redding] up"? Like "redding," "redd up," "redd up your room"? |
| 160 | MFL | Actually I think uh...I think...my <u>Dad</u> uses that term. |
| 161 | BJ | Mm-hmm? |
| 162 | MFL | And uh...uh...(uh) ((Laughs)) You never really noticed it, I guess (that), maybe that <u>is</u> (ah) a Pittsburgh ac - (ah) a Pittsburgh word, [so.] |
| 163 | BJ | [Well], it's not just [a Pittsburgh word.] |

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| 164 | MFL | [I – I – I maybe I] <u>do</u> on occasion, [I will] |
| 165 | BJ | [Mm-hmm?] |
| 166 | MFL | Say, you know, “redd up your room,” but...um ((1-second pause)) but I don’t think I use it very much. |
| 167 | BJ | Yeah. Mm-[hmm?] |
| 168 | MFL | [Or] or maybe not at all. I’ll say, you know, “Clean your room up.” |
| 169 | BJ | [Mm-hmm.] |
| 170 | MFL | [But my] <u>wife’s</u> not from this area, so I don’t even, so, it’s not like I would get...[a] |
| 171 | BJ | [(Mm-hmm.)] |
| 172 | MFL | An accent from her.= |
| 173 | BJ | =Right.= |
| 174 | MFL | =Since <u>she</u> kinda moved here later on in life, she [didn’t really ()] |
| 175 | BJ | [Mm-hmm. So she was from], what, central Ohio? Or (was it) [northern or?] |
| 176 | MFL | [She was] born in Columbus, [and um] |
| 177 | BJ | [Oh. (Hmm.)] |
| 178 | MFL | (They had) moved around, they’d moved to Michigan [and different] |
| 179 | BJ | [Mm-hmm?] |
| 180 | MFL | Places. General Motors had moved my father-in-law around quite a bit. |
| 181 | BJ | Mm-hmm. [Mm-hmm?] |
| 182 | MFL | [And ah]...I guess you’ve probably (inter –) ((1-second pause)) Y – Y- I guess up (into) her grade school years they did live in Bethel Park. |
| 183 | BJ | Mm-hmm. [Right, you said. Mm-hmm?] |
| 184 | MFL | [So uh], um, (where) her parents had a...had a Scottish accent, but she didn’t acquire that.= |
| 185 | BJ | =No.= |
| 186 | MFL | =At all. I can’t tell...a Scottish accent [from] |
| 187 | BJ | [Mm-hmm?] |
| 188 | MFL | My wife at all. [()].] |
| 189 | BJ | [That’s what’s really interesting.] Kids [don’t learn] |
| 190 | MFL | [Mm-hmm?] |
| 191 | BJ | To talk from their parents. |
| 192 | MFL | [Mm-hmm?] |
| 193 | BJ | [(And) they]...learn to talk from their peers. They learn their accent from their peers. |
| 194 | MFL | [That <u>is</u> interesting.] |
| 195 | BJ | [Of course they notice]...they notice (some) words and stuff [before] |
| 196 | MFL | [Okay.] |
| 197 | BJ | They’re in school, but= |
| 198 | MFL | =Okay.= |
| 199 | BJ | Yeah. It is interesting, [isn’t it?] |
| 200 | MFL | [Yeah.] It is – it is fascinating. |

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| 201 | BJ | Mm-hmm? |
| 202 | MFL | Yeah. |
| 203 | BJ | Yeah. If uh...the grass was getting too long...would you, and somebody said, “The lawn ((1-second pause)) needs mowed,” or “The grass needs cut,” which one of those...is that how you...would you say (it) one of those ways [or ()] |
| 204 | MFL | [Uh...I would] say ((4-second pause)) um...() while visiting [(today), I may], I’ll say, “Dad, I’m gonna,” “I’m going to...go mow.” |
| 205 | BJ | [Mm-hmm?] “Go [mow.]” |
| 206 | MFL | [“The] grass.” “Go mow [the grass.]” |
| 207 | BJ | [Mm-hmm]. So you’d say the...“The grass needs mowed.” |
| 208 | MFL | “The grass needs mowed.” [right.] |
| 209 | BJ | [Right. Uh-huh.] |
| 210 | MFL | [Dad would] say, “The grass needs mowed.” |
| 211 | BJ | ((Laughs)) |
| 212 | MFL | Or the tr –...like the apple tree’s a little too low to get the tractor under, I’ll say, “Well I’ll go trim around the apple tree.” |
| 213 | BJ | Right. [(Uh-huh?)] |
| 214 | MFL | [“With the] mower.” [(Uh)] |
| 215 | BJ | [Yeah.] Um...have you ever heard of a “grinney”? Is that a word you [knew growing up?] |
| 216 | MFL | [A “grinney.”] A “grinney.” Yes. Uh...I think (that) refers to a chipmunk? |
| 217 | BJ | Yeah. [Uh-huh.] |
| 218 | MFL | [Okay.] A “grinney.” |
| 219 | BJ | It’s a local word. Pittsburghers actually don’t know that word. It’s...more of a...rural...word. |
| 220 | MFL | Oh is it a rural ro – [word?] |
| 221 | BJ | [Yeah], yeah. |
| 222 | MFL | Yes, we – my Dad uses “grinney”. |
| 223 | BJ | Mm-hmm.= |
| 224 | MFL | =I’ve heard it bein’ used, I don’t know if he ((2-second pause)) we call ‘em ch – I call ‘em chipmunks [also, but “grinney,”] |
| 225 | BJ | [You call them (“chipmu –”)] |
| 226 | MFL | That’s interesting, I haven’t heard that word in awhile, a [“grinney,” yeah.] |
| 227 | BJ | [Yeah.] Uh-huh. |
| 228 | MFL | That’s interesting. [(...well)] ((laughs)) |
| 229 | BJ | [Yeah, there was] another old word that I have...I don’t think you hear very much anymore is “foodie”? (F –) or...“foodie” for something that’s kind of insignificant or... |
| 230 | MFL | “Foodie.” |
| 231 | BJ | [Yeah, you ever heard of that? (Huh? Yeah?)] |
| 232 | MFL | [Huh. Never heard of that word. Is that]...western Pennsylvania, or is |

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| | | that just? |
| 233 | BJ | Well, at one time I think it [was.] |
| 234 | MFL | [Was it? Okay.] |
| 235 | BJ | [Um...]but I don't know...when the last time is anybody used it. |
| 236 | MFL | Okay. |
| 237 | BJ | Somebody...email, I m – I get a lot of email from people who...know that I'm interested in this...topic, and they |
| 238 | MFL | Okay |
| 239 | BJ | Lot of them...live in other parts of the country and they get kind of nostalgic, so they look up Pittsburgh...speech on the Web. |
| 240 | MFL | Interesting. [Interesting.] |
| 241 | BJ | [Find my Web site.] |
| 242 | MFL | (Flind) your Web site. Yeah.= |
| 243 | BJ | =Yeah.= |
| 244 | MFL | I would like to get that from you, [your Web site.] |
| 245 | BJ | [Mm-hmm? Well, it's a]...it's on this[...one document I gave you it's uh...on here.] |
| 246 | MFL | [Oh it's on here? Oh okay great, oh!] It's right on here. [Okay, great.] |
| 247 | BJ | [Well that]...that's...yeah, the Web site is...down here. |
| 248 | MFL | Okay. |
| 249 | BJ | Pittsburgh [Speech.] |
| 250 | MFL | [()] Pittsburgh Speech. Okay, [great.] |
| 251 | BJ | [Mm-hmm?] Mm-hmm? Um, what about, just a couple more of these, um ((1-second pause)) people who say "Picksburgh" as a way of saying "Pittsburgh"? |
| 252 | MFL | Yes. |
| 253 | BJ | What – who do you associate that with? (D –) I mean, do you, do you know people who do that? |
| 254 | MFL | I had – I had a guy went to ah...aviation school. |
| 255 | BJ | Mm-hmm?= =That uh uh...said, we were, we were told to pronounce "Pittsburgh." |
| 256 | MFL | |
| 257 | BJ | Mm-hmm?= ="Pittsburgh," with a "T." And uh a – a – and he said, "Picksburgh," and I thought he was joking. |
| 258 | MFL | |
| 259 | BJ | Uh-huh?= =And uh...and that's just the way I think some...some [people] |
| 260 | MFL | |
| 261 | BJ | [Mm-hmm] |
| 262 | MFL | Pronounce it, "Picksburgh." |
| 263 | BJ | "Picksburgh," [yeah, that is.] |
| 264 | MFL | [Yes.] With an "x." |
| 265 | BJ | Mm-hmm? |
| 266 | MFL | So= =Yeah.= |
| 267 | BJ | |
| 268 | MFL | =Yeah. Interesting.= |
| 269 | BJ | So you were never in sit –...like when you were...in the marines, or= |

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| 270 | MFL | =Mm-hmm? |
| 271 | BJ | Traveling around...you never were in a situation where somebody...you used a word and...suddenly realized that...not everybody used that word? Um...[people looked <u>puzzled</u>] |
| 272 | MFL | [Let me think.] |
| 273 | BJ | Or, you know.= |
| 274 | MFL | =That's a good question. Ahh... |
| 275 | BJ | I don't know, like "gum band" or...something like that, I don't know whether you'd say that, but um... |
| 276 | MFL | Um ((1-second pause)) "Gum band," ah, I... <u>Dad</u> uses...[<u>Dad</u>] says "gum band." |
| 277 | BJ | [Mm-hmm?] |
| 278 | MFL | Um...uh, I don't think I [<u>use</u> "gum band."] |
| 279 | BJ | [Mm-hmm?] |
| 280 | MFL | I think I say "rubber band" [and] |
| 281 | BJ | [Mm-hmm. Uh-huh?] |
| 282 | MFL | Um...[()] |
| 283 | BJ | Yeah, it's just [a lot] of people have an exper – a lot of people <u>from</u> this area ((1-second pause)) you know, don't realize that some...of these things are...sorta regional. |
| 284 | MFL | Right, [right. And they'll...right, and they'll...] |
| 285 | BJ | [Because everyone does it, and so then they] go off to college |
| 286 | MFL | [Right.] |
| 287 | BJ | [Or they] go off into the...service, [or something and suddenly] |
| 288 | MFL | [Mm-hmm? Mm-hmm?] They'll= |
| 289 | BJ | =Somebody says, " <u>What's</u> a..." you [know, whatever. Yeah.] |
| 290 | MFL | [" <u>What</u> is," " <u>What</u> is that?" Oh, you know] what? Uh... "pop." |
| 291 | BJ | Yeah? |
| 292 | MFL | "Pop." I'll say [it instead of "Coke," I'll say "pop."] |
| 293 | BJ | [()] Mm-hmm? |
| 294 | MFL | I'll have a "pop." And I've noticed that's very...that i – that...that's funny you mention that, that is...very significant. I when I went into the Marine Corps, it was..."soda." Everybody...and only um ((1-second pause)) I (notice) the only people from this...from western [Pennsylvania would] say "pop." |
| 295 | BJ | [Mm-hmm?] |
| 296 | MFL | Maybe...maybe some parts of Ohio, [would say "pop."] |
| 297 | BJ | [Mm-hmm?] |
| 298 | MFL | The "pop machine." |
| 299 | BJ | [A "pop machine." Uh-huh.] |
| 300 | MFL | [Instead of a "Coke machine."] Like a "Coke"...they would describe a "Coke"...as anything. |
| 301 | BJ | [Mm-hmm?] |
| 302 | MFL | [Like (uh)] could be a ginger ale and, "(I'll) yeah, I'll take a 'Coke.'" And we'll say, "well, we want a Co –, () what kind of a 'pop' do |

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| 334 | BJ | [And uh] okay. |
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