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- The disorders began with a routine police raid on a homosexual bar, the Stonewall, on Christopher Street.

[CHANTING]

- We take great pride in what's happened in the gay community, and what's going to happen.

- The people of Dade County have said, enough, enough, enough.

- (CHANTING) Human rights are here to stay. Anita Bryant, go away.

- There's no question in my mind that the people of California don't want homosexuals teaching in the classroom.

- State Senator John Drake has just conceded the election.

- Both Mayor Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk have been shot and killed.

- Dan he has been found guilty of one count each of voluntary manslaughter.

- (CHANTING) Fight back. Fight back.

- It has now broken loose. Cops are now bashing heads.

- And here comes the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights.

- Gay power, gay politics. That's what this report is about.

- There are gay and lesbian people singing out here. What's your reaction to that?

- I think it's terrible. If I had a rock, I'd throw it at them.

- The real message of these gay games is that every one of us is the winner.

- Tonight, we are marching, as are others across America. And we shouldn't have to be.

- Go on and say it, so they can hear you in the Capitol. (CHANTING) For love and for life, we're not going back. For love and for life, we're not going back. For love and for life, we're not going back. For love and for life, we're not going back.

- I think that's Robin Tyler on the stage, leading the chant. For love or for life, we're not going back.

- Good afternoon. And welcome to the National March on Washington, DC for Gay and Lesbian Rights and choral reciting!

[CHEERING]

- Let's hear it out there!

[CHEERING]

I'm Lea DeLaria.

- I'm Bruce Hopkins.

- I'm a dyke.

- I'm a faggot.

- (TOGETHER) And we're best friends!

- I want you to savor this next moment. I have the proud task of telling you that the official count of the Lesbian and Gay Rights March, the official count is over 500,000 strong. 500,000 strong.

[CHEERING]

(SHOUTING) Look at you! 500,000 strong. 500,000 strong. One of the largest marches in United States history. One of the largest marches in United States history. 500,000 strong.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

- We must destroy the myths once and for all, shatter them. We must continue to speak out. And most importantly, most importantly, every gay person must come out.

[CHEERING]

As difficult as it is, you must tell your immediate family. You must tell your relatives. You must tell your friends, if indeed they are your friends. You must tell your neighbors. You must tell the people you work with. You must tell the people in the stores you shop in.

[CHEERING]

Once they realize that we are indeed their children, and we are indeed everywhere, every myth, every lie, every innuendo will be destroyed once and for all. Once you do, you will feel so much better.

[CHEERING]

- (CHANTING) What do we want?

- Gay rights!

- When do we them?

- Harvey, do you have a few words for KPFA? Come on out. [LAUGHS] Join us. Bring a friend. What do you think about the turnout so far?

- Well, it's never enough, never enough, never enough.

- And I ask people all over this country to do one thing. Come out, come out America. Come out.

[CHEERING]

- And when you hear those words, you know you're listening to gay and lesbian radio. It's time for After Hours radio, celebrating life from the heart of Montrose.

- On KPFT Houston, 90.1 FM. Let's see. Usually Buddy says--

- Can we say it?

- Why not.

- We're here.

- And we're queer.

- All right, we said it.

[LAUGHTER]

- Buddy, who is that openly gay dispatcher, who works for HPD, is in Florida for two weeks.

- Lucky dog.

- Yeah.

- What part of Florida? Do you know?

- From Tampa, down to Fort La-dee-da.

- I'm not going to touch that line with a 10 foot pole. OK, go ahead.

- And he's going to hit Disney World?

- Disney World. That's the one in Orlando.

- Disney World that's in Florida. OK, yeah. He's going to hit that. In fact, he's going to hit that on Monday on his birthday.

- His birthday's this Monday?

- Yeah.

- Oh, all right.

- Yeah. We kind of had a little celebration last week.

- He'll be what, 25, right?

- At least.

[LAUGHTER]

But tonight is a special night. This is one of the three times a year we come to you and say--

- We need your money.

- Yeah, we sure do this is marathon. So we have a lot of people who listen every week, and they know what marathon is. So I would really like to just say, OK, this is marathon. Go ahead, and call in. And then we'll just go on with the show.

- Yeah, we'll get our \$1,000 in the next 10 minutes.

- There you go.

- And the rest of the time, we'll do the show.

- And you know that when Buddy's away, it's music night.

- [LAUGHS]

- And even though it is a marathon, we've got a lot of stuff in store for you.

- We have some guests, right?

- We've got some guests. In fact, Rob Bridges is going to stop by and give us some good news from City Hall. I'm looking forward to that.

- And tell everybody who Rob Bridges.

- Rob Bridges is the vice president of the Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus. Later, right after we talk, we're going to have This Way Out, their weekly news magazine that you hear on After Hours. And only on KPFT.

- Right.

- You don't hear it on any of those other stations. Our neighbor doesn't play it.

- No, no, no, no, no, no, no. And then we'll hear Rob. And then after that, Frank will be here with Afterwards.

- That'll be about 1:00, right?

- Yeah. And there's some other things going on. I'm promising some new music, not a whole lot. I did promise Buddy not a whole lot of new music.

- And we have a dancing tongue here.

- Ahh. And did there was a special on PBS tonight?

- No, is it already over?

- Yeah. Well, it was on at 10:30. It was the Eurythmics.

- Oh.

- Now that's a group that's been around for quite a few years. And this was a special that they were doing in Heaven. Heaven in London, which is like the biggest gay dance club in the city of London.

- OK, so it's probably the one that this one's named after.

- As a matter of fact, it probably is, because the one in London has been there a lot longer. I've been there.
- Lucky you.
- It's quite a place. So we'll be doing some Eurythmics stuff later on. And did you know that there's a battle of the men's choruses going on?
- I did not.
- Between the New York Gay Men's Chorus and the Seattle Men's Chorus. They've both put out CDs--
- Well, I see you've got the Seattle one right here.
- I've got the New York also.
- Oh, wow.
- So we're going to be playing selections from each of them. And as a matter of fact, the big problem is that-- and I don't know that it's a problem necessarily. But on each one, there's a medley of Duke Ellington hits that's exactly the same, arranged by the same man, done by two different choruses. Isn't that incredible?
- So why don't you have the Turtle Creek one?
- (SIGHS) Not yet.
- [LAUGHS]
- I want to know why The Man I Love is not on here, George Gershwin.
- They did that in their special.
- Oh, OK.
- But we better talk about marathon a little bit.
- OK, let's go. You go first.
- OK.

[LAUGHTER]

We come to you three times a year, we've already said that. And we do have kind of amounts that are suggested.

- Just suggested amounts.
- And I think over the years they've decided that not too many people donate \$1,000. And not too many people donate \$0.50. So they've kind of averaged out--
- What people normally--
- Yeah, and they've got some wonderful gifts this time.
- Oh, they're always wonderful, but this one's especially wonderful.

- For your \$144 contribution, there's that cooler, that wonderful cooler.
- Yeah, it's from-- we had the wonderful cooler about three years ago. But this time it's burgundy I think. Before, it was blue.
- Yeah, it's burgundy this time. And what I like about it, it is great for carrying around CDs.
- Right, CDs or cassettes.
- Right.
- Or you could carry drinks in it.
- Oh, yeah I guess you could, couldn't you?
- [LAUGHS]
- And then the 90.1 club for 90 bucks. And then the special this time-- and I've been around KPFT many years, and I've never seen anything like it. It's the hand done tie dye t-shirt, each one different--
- Oh, that's gorgeous.
- --with logo right in the middle.
- They're handmade by a local artist.
- Mm-hmm. So why don't you pick up that phone, and be a part of the After Hours family.
- And the tie dyed t-shirts available for a \$70 pledge. We've got some tie dye caps in several different colors, including yellow and hot pink. But they come in several different varieties.
- Mm-hmm.
- There's five of them, and that's for a \$40 pledge. Or you can get a set of four KPFT mugs that are all different-- they look like glow-in-the-dark colors to me. They're probably not really, but they have that sort of look to them.
- Oh, yeah.
- They glow in the dark.
- Four different colors are really great.
- And for \$20, you get the program guide. And anyway, so the-- but the T-shirt, the tie-dye T-shirts, or the tie-dye caps or the mugs or the guide also come-- you can pick one of those to go with your \$90 pledge along with the 90.1 club card.
- OK. OK. Well, we've done the basics so why don't we get into *This Way Out*.
- OK, well, let me say one more thing. The basic really is that you-- the basics are not the gifts, the basics are the fact that you listen to *After Hours* every week and you love this program, and you don't know where you'd be without it. Because we hear that all the time on this show, people call and say, I don't know what I'd do without *After Hours*.

And let's face it, there aren't too many-- even too many cities in the country that carry a program like *After Hours*. And we're the only one in Houston that does.

- That's right.

- So if you like this program, if you appreciate the fact that we're here every week, well, not me but Buddy and Jimmy.

- And we're queer every week.

- And we're still always queer, here or not, give us a call here at KPFT 526-5738, 526-KPFT. Out of town, you can call 1-800-333-KPFT and make your pledge right now during *This Way Out*.

- Right.

- Ready? Ready to go to it?

- You bet.

- OK, let's do it.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

- I have been confronted. I have been sort of verbally violent. But so too I've also had a number of people come up to me that I don't know that appreciated the article.

- I want to know who the city official was in Cincinnati that went to that particular art display and went, hubba, hubba.

- There are about 48 other towns or cities that have the same ordinance that ours does. And if we're successful, we hope they can do the same thing.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

- Welcome to *This Way Out*, the international lesbian and gay radio magazine. I'm Greg Gordon.

- And I'm Lucia Chappelle. Czech mates may become legal.

- Dangerous words threaten Canadian safe sex info.

- And they were just two students looking for a few good recruiters.

- All that and more because you've discovered *This Way Out*.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

- I'm Cindy Friedman.

- And I'm Mark Saccomano.

- With *News Wrap*, a summary of some of the news in or affecting the Lesbian and Gay Community for the week ending April 20, 1991. A bill to legalize same sex marriage is now in committee hearings in Czechoslovakia, making that nation only the fifth country to give such a measure serious consideration.

According to the French News magazine, *Gai Pied*, the bill gained credibility when reporters following the Czech foreign minister on a visit to Denmark became fascinated with same sex marriages there. Czech gay and lesbian activists are hoping for quick passage of the bill, fearing the country's economic situation will soon cloud the current open atmosphere.

- The success of protests against military recruitment on College campuses has generated a backlash in the US House of Representatives. Republican representative, Gerald Solomon of New York has introduced a bill that would deny federal funding to educational institutions that quote, "Do not allow the Secretary of Defense access to students on campuses or to certain student information for recruiting purposes," end quote.

The student information in question is listings of high school students, which several school boards have decided to withhold from military recruiters. An aide to Solomon told the press, the federal government is charged with providing an adequate defense and we can't let individual campuses and local quasi governmental bodies throw a monkey wrench into that mission.

Tim Drake of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force believes that committee hearings on the bill could actually work in favor of opening military service to lesbians and gays.

- The US Federal Bureau of investigation is recognizing gays and lesbians in more ways than one. FBI Director, Williams Sessions held a major press conference this month to announce that the Bureau is now ready to begin data collection on hate crimes, including hate crimes against lesbians and gays as mandated by federal legislation passed a year ago. Statistical reports of hate crimes will be issued annually.

The press conference was the Bureau's first official function to include a lesbian and a gay man. Urvashi Vaid and Kevin Berrill of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force attended by invitation along with representatives of other civil rights organizations that helped to pass the Hate Crime Statistics Act.

The FBI isn't so tolerant of gays in its ranks however. Highly decorated 20 year veteran Special Agent Frank Buttino was fired from the Bureau in 1988 when the FBI discovered he is gay. By judicial order, the Bureau will be giving depositions next month in Buttino's class action lawsuit challenging the FBI'S policy of discrimination against lesbians and gays.

- You may think the word homo is derogatory but the US Department of Justice does not. Joseph Steffan was discharged from the US Naval Academy in 1988 for stating he is gay and has been suing the Navy for reinstatement.

We previously reported that his attorneys had filed a motion to remove district court Judge Oliver Gasch from hearing the case on grounds of personal bias after Gasch used the term homo three times in a procedural hearing last month. The Department of Justice representing the Navy has filed an opposing motion claiming Gasch's language quote, "Cannot fairly be characterized as evidencing prejudice," end quote.

Lambda Legal Defense Fund wrote attorney General Richard Thornburg asking the US Justice Department to drop its motion to retain Gasch. They enclosed a statement by openly gay Yale University Professor John Boswell, affirming with absolute assurance that the term is indeed derogatory, and that someone who used it in the courtroom could not be thought fair.

The first person to decide the question of Gasch's disqualification is Gasch himself. His decision can be appealed to a panel of judges.

- Bisexual Elton John may have written, "Rocket Man," but according to rocket men, both real and fictional, in all of outer space, there's no room for gays and lesbians. Former US astronaut Michael Collins wrote in his recent book, *Mission to Mars* that, quote, "Enough interpersonal problems will develop among a totally heterosexual crew, and introducing an element of homosexuality could only serve to make matters worse," end quote.

The picture doesn't look any better in the 24th century when gays and lesbians at a *Star Trek* convention earlier this year complained of their absence on the television series, *Star Trek, The Next Generation*. A Paramount Studio's publicist answered, what would you have us do? Put pink triangles on them? Have them sashay down the corridors? Trekkies will appreciate what GLAAD, the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation had to say about it in their national bulletin when calling for letters of protest.

Star Trek has a long history of attacking racism and sexism. Tell the producers if they really want to go where no one has gone before, they should have the courage to challenge homophobia too. Beaming us portrayals of proudly out lesbians and gays would certainly set our phasers on stun.

- Briefly in other news, the Texas Attorney General has filed an appeal of the recent judicial decision declaring that state's law criminalizing deviant sexual intercourse unconstitutional. Hearings on the appeal are expected to take place in four to seven months.

- Also in Texas, there's been a landslide of applications for the first openly gay credit card. The Dallas Gay Alliance Credit Union used up its initial printing of 500 information packets within three days of announcing the card. They've received about 3,500 requests so far and 150 more are arriving each day.

- Connecticut's anti-discrimination legislation will not be opposed this year by Roman Catholic bishops who helped kill previous bills. Archbishop John Whealon wrote this month in the *Catholic Transcript* that the church clearly teaches that homosexual men and women should not suffer from prejudice on the basis of their sexual orientation. Such discrimination is contrary to the gospel of Jesus Christ, and is always morally wrong.

- Obscenity charges brought against Chicago's Bijou Theater for showing the award winning gay adult film, *More Than A Man*, were dropped last month.

- Cleve Jones, the openly gay and HIV positive man who helped create the NAMES Project Quilt memorializing those people with AIDS who have died has announced his candidacy for a seat in the California State Assembly representing the City and County of San Francisco.

- And finally, from our democracy in action file, we recently reported that 40 US Congress members wrote President George Bush asking him to rescind the World War II executive order barring gays and lesbians from military service.

The only response they've received so far sounds like a form letter. It's from the president's assistant for legislative affairs, and says, thank you for your interest in writing. And advises that the letter has been forwarded to the appropriate administration officials for their careful review and consideration.

Openly gay Congressman Gary Studds, who authored the original letter told the press the response left him less than overwhelmed.

- That's *News Wrap* for the week ending April 20, 1991. Compiled from publications and broadcasts throughout the world, and written by Cindy Friedman.

- Remember, an informed community is a strong community. Find out what's happening in your area by monitoring your local gay and lesbian media. For *This Way Out*, I'm Cindy Friedman.

- And I'm Mark Saccomano.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

- OK, we're going to cut here and tell you a little bit more about marathon. I would like to go to the lobby if we can, it's kind of boisterous out there. Let's see if we can do that.

- I got to find it.

- Oh. Roger, can you hear me?

- The feds move--

- No, that isn't it.

- Roger? Roger? Roger, are you there, Roger? Let's see. I don't know which button it is. Hold on, let me get Odie.

- (WHISPERS) You got to turn on the mic.

- Turn on the mic.

- Seven.

- Seven.

- How's that?

- Hello?

- Roger?

- Jim, you can keep talking, I'll find out what's going on. I don't know which way he's going.

- Well, it is marathon, and we've got-- in fact, later on, I think we might talk to one of our *After Hours* buddies, a guy who has really believed in the show and contributed a bunch of pennies. Here we go.

- And now we have Roger.

- Do we have Roger?

- Yes, you have me.

- OK, tell me what's going on in the lobby.

- Well, we've had a couple information phone calls, but I also have someone to thank.

- Yes.

- I'd like to thank David for his generous donation to *After Hours* and KPFT.

- Thanks, David. That's great.

- Have we set the goal tonight? I bet we haven't even set the goal.

- Yes, I think you said \$1,000.

- Yeah, we did say that earlier.

- It's \$1,000.

- OK.

- In four hours. We can do that, we've done more than that.

- Oh, yeah.

- I'm not worried. It's just that I always have this idealistic dream that we can just open up the show and say, OK, it's marathon, everybody call in. And then we can just go ahead and do a regular show and not have to worry about it. But unfortunately, we have to keep reminding people.

But the beauty of belonging to *After Hours* is that the benefits that you get. You get the longest gay and lesbian radio show in the country, probably in the world. Four hours of continuous gay and lesbian news, music, interviews, and music.

- You already said that.

- Mm-hmm. And you can be a charter member to that.

- You can support KPFT and *After Hours* with a \$40 pledge, and you can get a tie-dye cap, which is really neat. I like these out here. I mean, there's green and yellow neon, there's black and pink.

- They look very lightweight.

- There's purple. They're really neat, I like them. They're some of the best I've seen.

- Yeah, the pastel color. They look sort of like Easter eggs, only caps.

- And for a \$70 pledge, you can get a tie-dye T-shirt. And those are coming back, they're very, very popular.

- It's so retro '60s. It's really hot.

- I think it's great.

- Plus it's not just a printed thing that somebody did from a plate or something, each one is individually done so--

- Definitely. They're all part--

- --each one is different. They're done in blues with the triangular-- no, the diamond shape--

- The diamond shape.

- --logo in the middle of it. It's really hot looking.

- And--

- Of course, the 90.1 club membership for 90 bucks.
- Yes, you get your 90.1 Club card, plus either a cup, a T-shirt or mugs.
- And the program guide.
- And the program guide, of course. And the colors--
- Sounds like 12 Days of Christmas with five gold rings, and the program guide.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

- --\$144 level.
- But the program guide is very, very important because you get to know what's going on KPFT, and to see where your favorite shows are and to find new favorite shows.
- I agree, Jimmy. This cooler bag for \$144 level would be great for CDs or cassettes.
- Isn't it? Yeah, no kidding.
- It would be wonderful.
- It's the perfect size for them.
- Not only that, especially in Houston if you're going to carry them around and they're going to be in your car for any length of time they'll keep cool.
- It's also got that zipper pouch on the side that you could slip your CD player into or your Walkman in.
- Yeah, it's really great.
- That would be really good.
- OK. So why don't we finish up *This Way Out*, and hope that 47,000 people call in in the meantime.
- And what's the number?
- It's--
- 526-5738, 526-KPFT.
- Or--
- Out of town, 1-800-333-KPFT.
- Right.
- Ready to go?
- Sure.
- OK, let's do it.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

- I am quite surprised. I was actually shocked. I have been confronted, I have been sort of verbally violent. But so too I've also had a number of people come up to me that I don't know that I appreciated the article.

- That was Padraic Blake, a student at Memorial University in St John's Newfoundland reacting to the controversy surrounding the publication of an article he co-authored for the campus student newspaper, *The Muse*.

The information in "A Gay Men's Guide To Erotic Safer Sex" was not much different than that found in any standard AIDS prevention pamphlet. However, Blake wrote that the eroticization of safe sex has been crucial in the efforts of our community to educate ourselves.

To illustrate his point, Blake included erotic scenarios for various types of safe sexual activity between two men using explicit language. Several readers were outraged, describing the article as obscene and offensive. The student council accused the campus newspaper of being unrepresentative of its students.

First, it called on the editorial staff to resign. Then it threatened to close down *The Muse*. And finally, the council decided to establish a publishing board to review the paper's content. Dawn Mitchell, the editor of *The Muse* is not so sure the negative reaction to the article was motivated by objections to its language alone.

- We always get a lot of I guess hate mail if you want to call it that from people who just don't understand why we should be spending all this money and all this time and effort on gay people.

- *The UBC*, the student newspaper at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver was the first to support *The Muse* by reprinting the erotic safer sex article in its entirety. In an accompanying editorial, the UBC charged that homophobia not offensive language was the core of the controversy. That they said was reprehensible. Other campus newspapers also began to reprint the article.

- We printed a little notice at the top of the article explaining why we had done so. It was a Democratic decision by the staff.

- Alex Burton is the co-editor of *The Dalhousie Gazette*, the student newspaper at Dalhousie University in Halifax.

- I think different members on staff had different reasons for publishing it, showing support for *The Muse*, showing support for freedom of the press, for freedom of expression. Some people on staff believe that the information was important and needs to get out. Other people felt the article was well written and because we should be addressing issues like AIDS education in student paper.

- Burton's decision to reprint the article generated the same vociferous outrage that greeted the original publication in Memorial University. Burton himself came to the same disquieting conclusion reached by the editorial staff at the UBC.

- I think that a lot of the sentiment, not all of it by all means, but a lot of it came from a background of homophobia. I know there are some people who didn't like the language and so on, and I can respect that. But the people who started screaming for censorship and shut down and so on, I think that a lot of that gut reaction comes from a homophobic attitude.

- Homophobia became blatantly public at the University of Winnipeg after their student newspaper, *The Uniter* reprinted the safer sex article. The campus radio station aired a series of phony gay and lesbian programming dedicating its efforts to quote, "All the fags and dykes spreading AIDS," unquote. In a mock interview show called, *Talk With Fags*, the so-called guests mimicked their favorite gay stereotypes.

Meanwhile, back at Memorial University in Saint John's, a police investigation into possible obscenity charges against *The Muse* is officially underway but co-author, Padraic Blake says--

- The police keep saying that they're investigating. Each time we call down, I call down to ask the police spokesperson what the status of the investigation is, they say that you'll have to keep calling. And we do keep doing that. There's absolutely, in my view, no grounds for prosecution. And I don't think that charges will be laid.

- It seems unlikely that any of the campus newspapers which printed the article will be charged with obscenity. Over a dozen have already reprinted, "A Gay Men's Guide To Erotic Safer Sex," and more have said they'll do so. *The Muse* editor, Dawn Mitchell says the flap over, "A Gay Men's Guide To Erotic Safer Sex" is just an example of an even more disturbing situation.

- I was talking to somebody a while ago and he thinks that people who come to University get their minds closed. And I think that's true. For most people here, it doesn't help open their minds at all coming to University, I don't believe or they don't want their minds opened.

- Alex Burton of Dalhousie University is more charitable. He explains the seeming contradiction of bigotry and enlightenment at academic institutions this way.

- I think to brand everybody on campus in one particular light is not correct. There is a lot of support for the paper and for running the article. However, a University campus is a microcosm of society and you get all viewpoints, you get all types of people with different opinions. And in the society we live in, there are some people who don't want to deal with issues of homosexuality or AIDS education.

- Fortunately for Canadian gay and lesbian university students, all of the campus papers, even the ones most threatened by the controversy remain committed to publishing gay and lesbian supplements and relevant stories in the future.

This report was researched and produced by Rob Atkinson in Vancouver, British Columbia. You're listening to *This Way Out*, the international lesbian and gay radio magazine. With Greg Gordon, I'm Lucia Chappelle.

[MUSIC - ROMANOVYSKY & PHILLIPS, "HOMOPHOBIA"]

- With so-called stand up comics like Sam Kinison and Andrew Dice Clay basing much of their routines on infuriatingly blatant sexism and gay and people with AIDS bashing, it's a pleasure to share an excerpt from Fox television's *Comic Strip* prime time.

Popular comic and actor Bob Goldthwait hilariously analyzes homophobia and last year's Mapplethorpe obscenity controversy in Cincinnati.

- You don't know what a thrill it is for me to be on Fox tonight the day after swimming in a club called Bimbos. Oh. Did the Mapplethorpe exhibit make it here?

- Yes.

- Yes, it did.

- Live.

- Did it make it-- somebody said live. Pretty much. You know that'll be edited out. Not by the Fox editors, by the chamber of commerce. No, no, San Francisco is strictly a hetero community.

I should actually put some gay bashing in my act. Gay bashing, very lucrative in comedy and rock and roll. Gay bashing stems from guys that's like, I hate you because, um-- I hate you because you're queer and-- and-- and you're gay. And you're queer and, um-- and, uh, you're kind of attractive and, um--

[APPLAUSE]

See, I want to have sex with you but I can't, so. So the Mapplethorpe Exhibit was closed down in Cincinnati. It was deemed pornographic by the city officials of Cincinnati.

Now Robert Mapplethorpe, first of all, the guy's dead. And he's a hero to me because if you're dead, and you can still piss off Jesse Helms, I like that in the guy.

And the photos were of naked children, the photos were of the artist himself and men having sex together. Now I have photos of my kids, and it's not pornography because nobody's getting aroused by my nude kid photos of my children. Nobody's looking at him and going, hubba, hubba.

So I want to know who the city official was in Cincinnati that went to that particular art display and went, hubba, hubba. We can't let the general public see this. I need that one for my wallet.

[MUSIC -HOLLY NEAR, "THE ROCK WILL WEAR AWAY"]

- I'm Burt Wyland with John Striker and Cathy Ayotte of Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan.

- Hi.

- Hello.

- John and Cathy tried to sign up for the military, tell us what happened.

- There are three offices in the same building, the Army, the Navy and the Marines. And we went to each of the offices in turn and we asked them for some information. And then we told them that we were homosexual, and we asked if this would be a problem.

- And their answer was what?

- All three of them said that they would be unable to help us. The Marines in particular seemed a little cold when we told them.

- The Navy recruiter told us that he didn't make the rules and we told him we understood that. What we've read and what we understand is that the military considers homosexuality incompatible with its mission, and that it's bad for morale.

- Did they quote from Army Regs or the Uniform Military Code of Justice is what that comes from actually.

- No, not really. The army even told us that he wasn't-- well, the recruiter told us that he wasn't even sure what exactly the regulation was. No one seemed to know exactly why we couldn't join, they just knew that we couldn't join.

And we were shown an application, and on the application there's two questions. One asking if you designate yourself as homosexual or bisexual and then another one asking if you have or intend to engage in homosexual activity. If you answer yes to either of those, then you're disqualified.

- Now why did you do this?

- East Lansing has had this ordinance prohibiting discrimination in employment or recruiting for over 10 years, like it's 12 or 13 years now. And the military has to be the single biggest form of institutionalized homophobia that exists or is condoned here in the United States right now.

And we don't expect the military to respond directly to us or our complaints or to change their ways, so that they can stay in East Lansing. But hopefully, if the Human Rights Commission rules in our favor and pushes the military out, the military will get a message. The Human Relations Commission is the name of the group that will handle the case.

- What about the general public? Has there been any reaction there?

- We've both been in quite a few of the local newspapers, and I, for example, have been getting quite a few nasty phone calls.

- You have?

- Yes, I have.

- Male or female or both?

- Male.

- And are they obscene phone calls?

- Absolutely. They're very harassing. They use extremely derogatory language.

- And what's been your reaction to that?

- Well, every time they've called, I've made a record of it and I have talked to the local police, University Police. I live in a University dormitory and I've had to speak to the manager of the dormitory. They're not really helpful.

- Now Cathy, why have you done this?

- Pretty much the same reasons that John has mentioned. We both think it seems strange that no one has taken this action in all this time. There are, I don't know, I guess about 48 other towns or cities that have the same ordinance that ours does. And if we're successful, we hope to give the message out to all these cities that they can do the same thing.

- And what has been the reaction in the gay community there?

- Well, there isn't much of a community here, that's part of the problem.

- I've had a few people come up to me actually and say, good job and I hope that this works, and thanks.

- Is there no gay student group on campus?

- There is, it's part of the general student government. It's very small. It's in a small office on the fourth floor of our Student Union tucked away. It's not very visible and not very vocal.

- How many people are in the group?

- Probably a big draw would be 40 or 50 people at one of their events.

- And how many people on the campus?

- We have 40,000. If odds are right, we should have at least 4,000 gays and lesbians here. And if they're here, they're very invisible. We're kind of isolated up here.
- It's not like you're in New York City where you've got hundreds of thousands of gay and lesbian and bisexual people standing behind you. How has this changed you personally?
- I would say before going into this, I didn't realize the amount of homophobia present I would say in this area in the Midwest or at least or in this area. I had no idea this would become such a hot issue as fast as it did.
- It's interesting to note that most news are gay activism that you hear about is in large cities like New York or DC or San Francisco. And I was really pleased to see all the press that surrounded us in the small town.
- Can either one of you tell me, what is the message that you're trying to send by this action?
- Well, that homosexuals are just as capable to serve in the military as anybody else, and we don't feel that we should be discriminated against.
- It's like with color or anything else that it should be based on the person and not some part of that person. We believe that if the military were to start accepting homosexuals then the rest of society would start making steps towards accepting homosexuals more.
- And John Stryker, my audience would never forgive me if I didn't ask you this question, are you any relation to--
- No relation. No relation whatsoever.
- Is there any comparison at all that we could make between the two of you?
- You'd have to get us probably standing side by side.
- I had to ask that. We've been speaking with John Stryker and Cathy Ayotte of Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan. The two of them, both gay went to the military recruiting offices in East Lansing where there is a gay rights ordinance, and they were refused even an application to sign up for military service. I'd like to thank the both of you for talking with us. Thank you very much.
- Thank you.

- From Philadelphia, I'm Bert Wyland for *This Way Out*. Responding recently to the student's actions, a Pentagon spokesman said the US Constitution supersedes any local ordinance and gives the military every right to recruit in East Lansing. East Lansing's Human Relations Council has asked their city attorney for a legal opinion about that. That's where things stand at the moment.

[MUSIC - HOLLY NEAR, "THE ROCK WILL WEAR AWAY"]

- Thanks for choosing *This Way Out*, the international lesbian and gay radio magazine. This week Cindy Friedman, Mark Saccomano, Rob Atkinson and Bert Wyland contributed program material. Thanks also to Chris Hart.
- The whom, Romanovsky and Phillips and Meg Christian with Holly Near performed some of the music you heard. And Kim Wilson composed and performed our theme music.

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- Among others.

- And for supporting your local community radio station.

- Now you all stay tuned.

- Bring me up, there we are. And that was *This Way Out*. Those of you who listen every week know that you get to hear that every week on *After Hours*.

- 12:15, right?

- That's right, 12:15 to 12:45. We're running a little late today because we have to pitch in between. And I've got a lot of new music that I'd like to bring on if I can. But if we have to pitch all night long, hmm. But *This Way Out* is one of the benefits you get with listening to *After Hours*, right, Mike?

- Right. One of the things you get to hear every week right here.

- I'm not sure but does Pokey do *This Way Out*?

- I don't think she does. I don't believe she does.

- So this may be the only place you can hear it anywhere in the city.

- If I'm wrong, call me and tell me I'm wrong.

- I'm sure Pokey will. Let's go to the lobby and see what's going on. See if people have been calling in.

- Roger?

- Roger.

- Roger.

- Yes--

- Hello, Roger.

- Thank you.

- Oh good.

- Well, let's do it.

- OK, I'd like to thank Matt and Ben.

- Thanks. That good old Matt and Ben, they've come through every time.

- Thank you, Matt and Ben.

- For their--

- Ben and Matt.

- --their pledge to *After Hours* and KPFT. And I would like to thank Michael--

- Thank you, Michael.

- --who also made a pledge to KPFT and picked up on a-- I guess either a cap or some mugs.

- Oh really?

- Great. So how much do we have so far?

- Right now we're at \$100--

- OK. OK, we've got 900--

- --running towards that goal of \$1,000.

- Yeah, 900 to go, so.

- And we've got 3 hours.

- And you can help out by calling 526-5738, 526-KPFT. Or out of town, 1-800-333-KPFT.

- We have \$900 and 3 hours to do it in.

- I know everybody--

- It should be easy.

- --usually waits till the end, but you don't have to.

- No, you don't have to and--

- I mean, I've got people out here who need to be kept busy.

- We have got some hunks out there in the lobby.

- Oh definitely, yeah.

- Did you notice that, Mike?

- Yeah, more than usually.

- Yeah.

- I don't know where they came from, I'm glad they are here.

[LAUGHS]

- Maybe that's why I'm a little bit more nervous than usual.

- Jimmy's always nervous around men.

- Oh and I'm nervous a lot.

- Yeah.

- But the sooner you call in with your pledge, the quicker we'll reach our goal, and the more we'll be able to bring you music and news and interviews. In fact, Rob Bridges is standing by.

- In a suit.

- We've got good news coming from Rob Bridges, who is President of-- President pro tem actually, of Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus. But do we want to go through the goodies once again, Roger?

- Well, we can do a little bit.

- Let's start at 144.

- At the \$144 level, you can get a nice maroon cooler bag with the KPFT logo that's good for holding six pack cans or CDs or cassettes.

- Oh, it's great for CDs.

- For \$90, you can be a member of the 90.1 club and receive your choice of a tie-dye T-shirt or a cap or mugs or a Cajun gumbo t-shirt. Plus the 90.1 discounts at area businesses.

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